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Startling Revelations by Mr. Winston Churchill in House of Commons: Scapa Flow Abandoned As Britain's Chief Naval Base

NELSON & BARHAM DAMAGED BY GERMAN MINE AND U-BOAT

Scapa Flow Abandoned As British Naval Anchorage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—The Admiralty has abandoned Scapa Flow as a naval base.

The great inland harbour off the northern coast of Scotland, which was believed impregnable to attack from the sea in the last war, will no longer provide refuge for British warships.

Decision to abandon the base was made after a Nazi submarine succeeded in entering the land-locked harbour and torpedoing H.M.S. Royal Oak as she lay at anchor.

The announcement of the Admiralty's decision to withdraw warships from Scapa Flow was made by Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons last night.

GRAVEYARD OF GERMAN NAVY

It is presumed that the decision was made by the Admiralty owing to the uncertainty of its value as protection for the fleet from either aerial or submarine attack.

Scapa Flow, in addition to providing the British Fleet with a safe anchorage in the last war, is the graveyard of the old Imperial German Navy. It was here that Germany first practised the art of scuttling.

Mr. Churchill revealed that Scapa Flow had not been used as a naval anchorage since the torpedoing there of H.M.S. Royal Oak.

He admitted that Scapa was the Royal Navy's best strategic base.

RUSSIANS REPULSED

Strategical Withdrawal By The Finns

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINKI, Feb. 27 (UP).—To-day's official Finnish communiqué states that the Russians suffered heavy losses yesterday in their attacks on the Isthmus, particularly on the islands in the Bay of Viborg.

Russian attacks were repulsed on the Somme, Naantajärvi and Salmenkaita sectors where the Finns captured a large quantity of arms and ammunition and destroyed 18 tanks.

Fighting in these sectors still continues.

Powerful Attacks Repelled

The Finns also repelled powerful Russian attacks at Taipale where heavy booty was captured. Fighting has been resumed at Kuhmo while at Petäjävesi the Finns have withdrawn to their defence positions at Naantais.

There has been considerable aerial activity. The Finnish air force has been bombing Russian bases and munitions dumps far behind the Russian lines.

It has been officially confirmed that seventeen Russian planes were shot down to-day.

Strategic Withdrawal

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 27 (UP).—Reports from Helsinkiers to-day state that the Russian capture of Kolviisa netted "only ruins without any military importance because the Finns dynamited all the fortifications and dragged off all their guns."

The Finns lost no men during the retirement, which is described as "strategic," the report says.



COLOMBO CRISIS

Ceylon Ministers Resign En Bloc

COLOMBO, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—All six Ceylon ministers resigned this evening.

The sudden crisis was precipitated by the Governor's decision in connection with the difference which has arisen between the Home Minister, Sir Baron Jayatilaka, and the Inspector General of Police, Mr. P. N. Banks, regarding the carrying out of the State Council's decision to postpone certain criminal proceedings.

Labour Trouble

The difference originally developed from labour trouble in an up-country estate on January 10 which led to the institution of proceedings against the rioters on the one hand, and the

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Churchill Utters Warning

Increased Attacks On Shipping Expected

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—The powerfully reinforced British Navy is ready to "beat down" all Nazi attacks, declared Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons to-day, when he also hinted that Britain might take a sterner stand towards neutral European nations.

Almost in the same breath he announced additions to the Fleet designed to resist aerial and U-boat attacks.

Scapa Flow Abandoned

He admitted that Scapa Flow has been abandoned as a naval base, presumably owing to the uncertainty of its protection, despite its strategic and other values.

He admitted that the old "wonder ship" H.M.S. Nelson (33,000 tons), which was built in 1925, has been damaged by a mine.

However, she reached port under her own power and will shortly rejoin the fleet, he declared.

Vast Confidence

The First Lord's speech was one of vast confidence. It detailed the great efforts being made to build up the British Navy to defeat the newer and greater German attacks on Britain's sea power which are expected now.

The speech emphasised the British determination to carry on the war against Nazi leadership. It continually expressed confidence in victory—at a time when Mr. Welles is preparing to confer with Hitler in Berlin this week.

New Battleships

Mr. Churchill put emphasis on the new battleships which will soon join the fleet and said the Allied blockade is working satisfactorily.

The Straits of Dover are closed and sealed, and the Northern Patrol is being maintained by a strongly supported cordon from Scotland to Greenland, he said.

He explained that the blockade could be tightened still further but that Britain desired to "strike a balance" and not to harm friendly neutrals.

Lost Over 35 U-Boats

He said Germany had lost half of her 70 U-boats by the end of December and expressed the opinion that they are able to build ten new U-boats in three months.

Britain, he said, has started building a large number of naval craft designed to destroy U-boats faster than they can be constructed.

He added that the Admiralty has issued "thousands of guns of all sorts and sizes" to the British merchant and fishing fleets for protection against attacks from German planes.

In addition "immense preparations" have been made to meet Nazi attacks at sea and Britain "now sees its way of mastering the German system of laying magnetic mines."

In conclusion, Mr. Churchill said Britain exports "perhaps in the PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 7.

LONDON, FEB. 28 (UP).—THE REVELATION THAT TWO BIG BRITISH BATTLESHIPS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY MINE AND TORPEDO WAS MADE BY MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, IN A SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST NIGHT.

THE 33,500-TON BATTLESHIP, H.M.S. NELSON, STRUCK A MINE IN THE NORTH SEA.

THE 31,100-TON BATTLESHIP H.M.S. BARHAM WAS SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED BY A GERMAN U-BOAT.

Anti-mine and anti-submarine bulges on both battleships saved them from destruction and both were able to make port under their own power.

Apart from the Royal Oak and Courageous, these are the only big ships of the British Navy to have been damaged or sunk since the outbreak of the war.

SOON TO REJOIN FLEET

The damage to these two powerful vessels was a secret in which to use Mr. Churchill's words, "many thousands of people were necessarily aware." It was so well-kept by dockyard and naval personnel, however, that it has only just leaked out in Germany, after it had ceased to have any importance.

Both H.M.S. Barham and H.M.S. Nelson are under repair and will be ready within a few days to rejoin the Fleet.

MAGNETIC MINE DAMAGES NELSON

Mr. Churchill revealed that the damage to H.M.S. Nelson was occasioned by a magnetic mine.

With her sister ship, H.M.S. Rodney, the Nelson is the most powerful warship afloat. Although smaller by 10,000 tons than the battle cruiser Hood, which is equipped with eight 15-in guns, H.M.S. Nelson is equipped with nine 16-inch guns.

She is the newest battleship in the British Navy, not counting, of course, the seven new battleships of 35,000 tons which were either launched or under construction when war started six months ago, and one or two of which are believed to be already in commission.

The Nelson was launched in 1925. Barham Served In Last War. H.M.S. Barham, whilst a powerful unit of the Fleet, is a much older vessel and served throughout the Great War.

She was launched in 1914 and commissioned early in the following year. Of 31,000 tons displacement, she is equipped with eight fifteen inch guns, and is a sister ship to the Queen Elizabeth, Malaya and Valiant.

Over the heavily-fortified areas of Western Germany, four Messerschmitts were spotted at different points. The bombers were caught in the beams of multi-coloured searchlights. This activity was greatest over the Ruhr district.

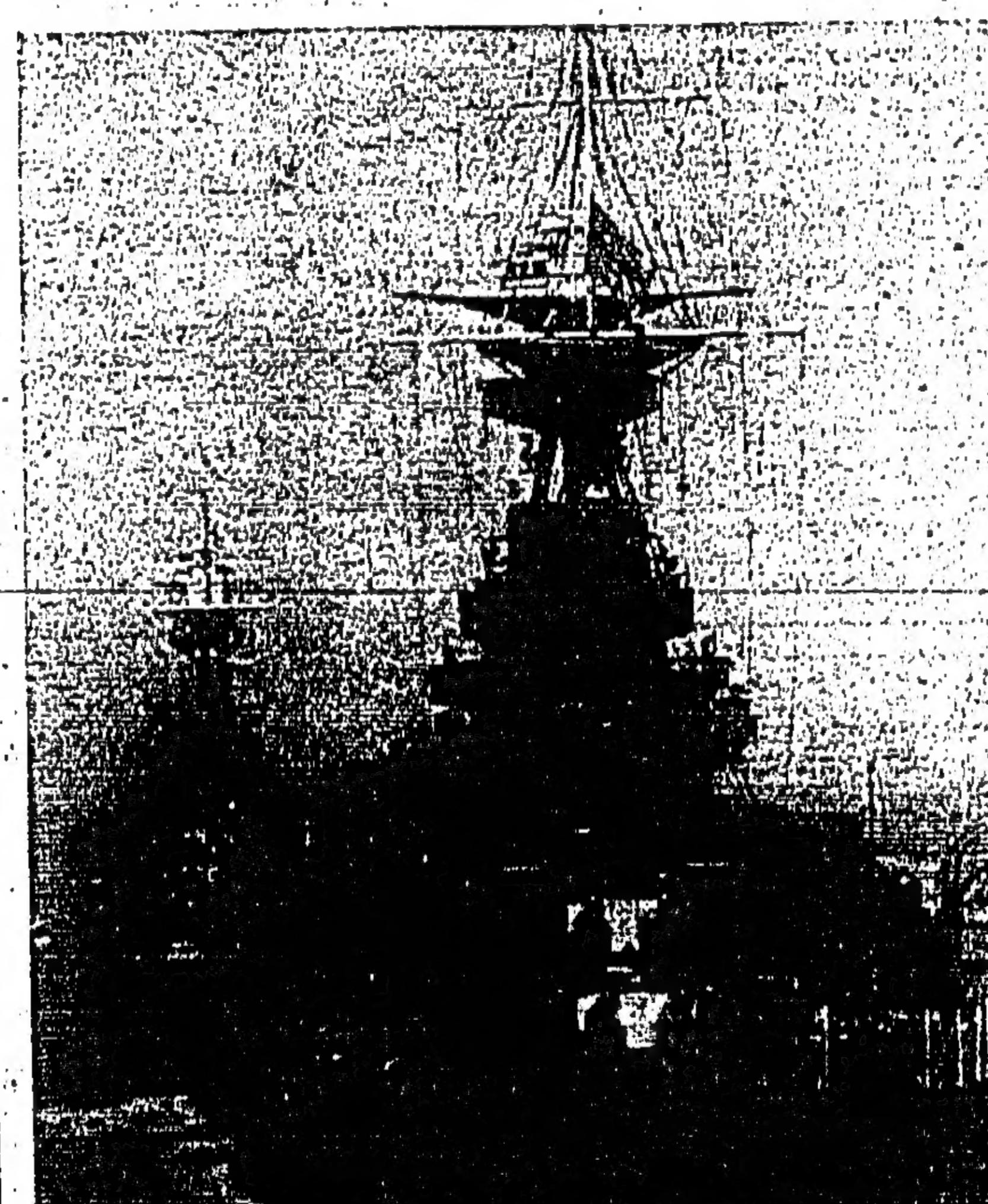
Fighters were seen but they made no attempt to attack the raiders.

Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered in the neighbourhood of Cologne and Dusseldorf. One section of the light was under intense fire for some minutes and for another spell dodged sporadic bursts.

"Screaming onions" (incendiary shells which in some cases were linked to chains designed to wrap themselves around the raiders and send them crashing to earth in flames) were discharged at the aircraft but they missed their mark.

One battery of four guns fired greenish coloured balls and elsewhere red orange fireballs were fired under the aircraft.

Nightmare Flight. This nightmare flight was one of several carried out. The series of PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 7.



H.M.S. NELSON

R.A.F.'s "House To House Canvass"

In Leaflet Raid Over Berlin

DRAMATIC FLIGHTS OVER NAZI CITIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—It has been officially announced that two German bombing planes were brought down to-day.

One was shot down by a Royal Air Force fighting plane from the Command patrol off the mouth of the Firth of Forth shortly before 1 p.m., while a second was shot down by a R.A.F. plane off the coast of Northumberland.

Three members of the German plane's crew were seen to take to a rubber boat.

R.A.F. Flights Into Germany. Intense air activity has resulted in the reported loss of two German bombers off the British coast, and of one or possibly two R.A.F. planes during a reconnaissance flight over the Helgoland Bight.

The R.A.F. pushed deeply into Germany and the Nazi pilots flew over France in a sudden spurt of all action which extended over the fighting fronts.

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INWARD MAIIS
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 17th February. Feb. 28.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 21st February. Feb. 28.

Calcutta, Straits and Saigon. Feb. 28.
Saigon Feb. 28.
Japan and Shanghai Feb. 28.
Manila Feb. 28.
U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 31st Jan.) Feb. 29.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 21st Feb. Feb. 29.

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Manila Feb. 29.
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Bangkok March 1.
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai—(Vancouver B.C. late, 10th Feb.) Mar. 1.
Haiphong, Hanoi and Fort Bayard Mar. 1.

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OUTWARD MAIIS
Wednesday, Feb. 28

Fort Bayard 1.30 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Parls and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 7th March.

K. P. O.
Reg. Feb. 28, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 28, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg. Feb. 28, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 28, 7.00 p.m.

Straits 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 29
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 13th March.

R.P.O.
Reg. March 29, 2.45 p.m.
Ord. March 29, 3.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. March 29, 2.45 p.m.
Ord. March 29, 3.30 p.m.

Fort Bayard 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong 2 p.m.
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Amoy 7 p.m.

Friday, March 1
Canton 7.15 a.m.
Haiphong 10 a.m.
Japan 10.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th March.

G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg. 2.45 pm
Ord. 3.30 pm

Parcels Mar. 1, 3 p.m.
Reg. Mar. 1, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 1, 30 p.m.

G.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 1, 3 p.m.
Reg. Mar. 1, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 1, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 2
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 21st March.

G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 2, 5 p.m.
Reg. March 4, 1.45 p.m.
Ord. March 4, 2.30 p.m.

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Hongkong, 28th February, 1940.

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"2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing Fractional Certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

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Hongkong, 28th February, 1940.

WEDDING BELLS FOR HANS & PEGGY

HANS BAUER, young Sudeten Czech refugee, for aiding whom a group including a University professor, a barrister and a magistrate were prosecuted at Liverpool, has been freed from an internment camp in England.

And soon wedding bells will ring for Hans and 18-year-old Peggy Shimmin, of Grant Road, Knotty Ash, Liverpool.

Peggy had given up hope of seeing her fiance until after the war.

Bauer, central figure in a case at Liverpool recently, in which six prominent citizens were charged under the aliens regulations with aiding him, is now registered with the police as a friendly alien.

"When my financial position allows it, I am hoping Peggy will marry me," Hans told a *News Chronicle* reporter.

And Peggy said: "It is so nice for Hans and me to be together again and I hope this will be the last of our troubles."

The couple met 12 months ago. Just after they became engaged relatives brought the news to Peggy that Hans had been arrested for an offence under the Aliens Act.

Midnight Surprise

While Hans was in the internment camp he wrote Peggy two letters of 24 lines weekly—all that was allowed—telling her that he would return immediately he was released.

When he did arrive at the house it was nearly midnight. Peggy, surprised, came downstairs overcome with joy. The ring. Hans placed on her finger before he went away was still there.

Of the six men who were prosecuted for helping Hans to avoid deportation to Germany, five were £5 and the case against the other dismissed.

"It was very lucky for me," he said. "That I did find friends."

"The 14 months which I spent illegally in Liverpool were exciting. I almost developed a persecution mania, because I never was used to illegal life."

GERMANS COULDN'T KILL HIM



JUST BACK from a raid on Heligoland, this R.A.F. pilot typifies the spirit of the young daredevils in the British Air Force.

Rejected £20,000 To Let Him Divorce Her

By SOMERSET MAUGHAM

WHEN I went to see Monsieur Dautry to thank him for enabling me to visit the French munition factories, I ventured to ask him whether he thought flesh and blood could stand the long hours of labour, day after day, which he was demanding of the workers.

He said he was well aware that men could not be expected indefinitely to continue to work with such intensity, but in the tragic emergency he felt that he could ask them without hurt to themselves to persevere for a few months; then he added: "For every hundred thousand men Britain sends over a hundred thousand men now at the front can be released to work in my factories. That will give me 800,000 more hours of work a week and that means an hour's work less a day for 800,000 men."

Monsieur Dautry is Minister of Armaments. He is not a politician, but an engineer and a great organiser.

It was he who reduced to order the confusion of the French State railways and characteristic stories are told of his efficiency, his indefatigability and his determination.

He is a small man, with a sallow face and decided features, a thick head of graying hair and an eye of piercing brightness.

He gives you an impression of enormous energy; he is untiring and appears able to do without sleep or rest.

He himself made out for me a programme to enable me to visit factories to get an impression of the effort France was making to supply the troops with all the material needed.



I FIRST visited a sugar factory almost on the bank of the Rhine and so near the advanced posts of the enemy that it was well within range of a big machine gun; but, except that the women were evacuated, work was proceeding as quietly as in peace-time.

I saw also a factory which in peace-time produces woollen goods, and under-linen, but now is busily turning out shirts, socks and pull-overs for the troops. It is within range of a not very heavy gun. I think at least three hundred women must have been occupied there, but the only indication I could discover that they felt themselves to be working under peculiar conditions was that the permanent wave of a good many seemed to be wearing a trifle thin.

I went to a foundry which is actually in front of the Maginot Line. Women and children have been evacuated, shelters



"The aeroplane has diverted the full force and fury of war from the battlefield to the home and the nursery."

GUNS, AND STILL MORE GUNS!

have been built in case of air-raids; and arrangements have been made to remove essential parts, should the Germans advance, so that it would take them the better part of a year to get the factory working again.

The steel manufactured is shipped away every night so that they would find at best only the produce of one day's work.

I think what most struck me in those works, employing now hardly two thousand men, was the sense of emptiness. In a vast shed where work was going on at full blast there was only a handful of men and they seemed to be there merely to supervise the almost human, the strangely purposeful, activity of the machines which pressed and cut and carried the huge ingots of red hot steel.

IT was a very different impression I got when I visited various factories in the neighbourhood of Paris, where in one I saw the manufacture of armoured cars, in another of shells, in a third of aeroplane guns; in these and others which it would be tedious to enumerate, the crowded workers, the serried rows of machines, gave one the feeling of an intense, a fierce but regulated animation.

One thing that struck me was the pains that are taken to make the powerful and yet wonderfully manageable tanks as sleek and spartan as a private car.

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of the crowded effect of other factories.

The din is not so terrific and although work is incessant, going on night and day, day after day, for seven days a week, there is an odd effect of dignified leisure. Everything is on a gigantic scale. These monsters, looking ridiculously like the toy guns made for children, take six months to make, and in the factory I saw they produced two a week.

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COMMAND PROMOTIONS.

The following promotions and appointments in the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, and the Royal Engineers, have been notified by Headquarters with effect from February 1:

Lieutenants E. W. S. Anderson, C. Rochfort-Boyd and A. R. Colquhoun to be acting Majors; Lieutenants D. R. G. M. Graham, W. N. J. Pitt, A. O. G. Mills, W. A. Ingram, H. B. Barron to be acting Captains; the appointment of acting Major C. Champkin is confirmed with effect from January 29; Lieutenant H. S. Forster relinquishes the acting rank of Captain.

In the Royal Engineers, Lieutenant H. C. Cartwright-Taylor is an acting Captain with effect from December 8, 1939.



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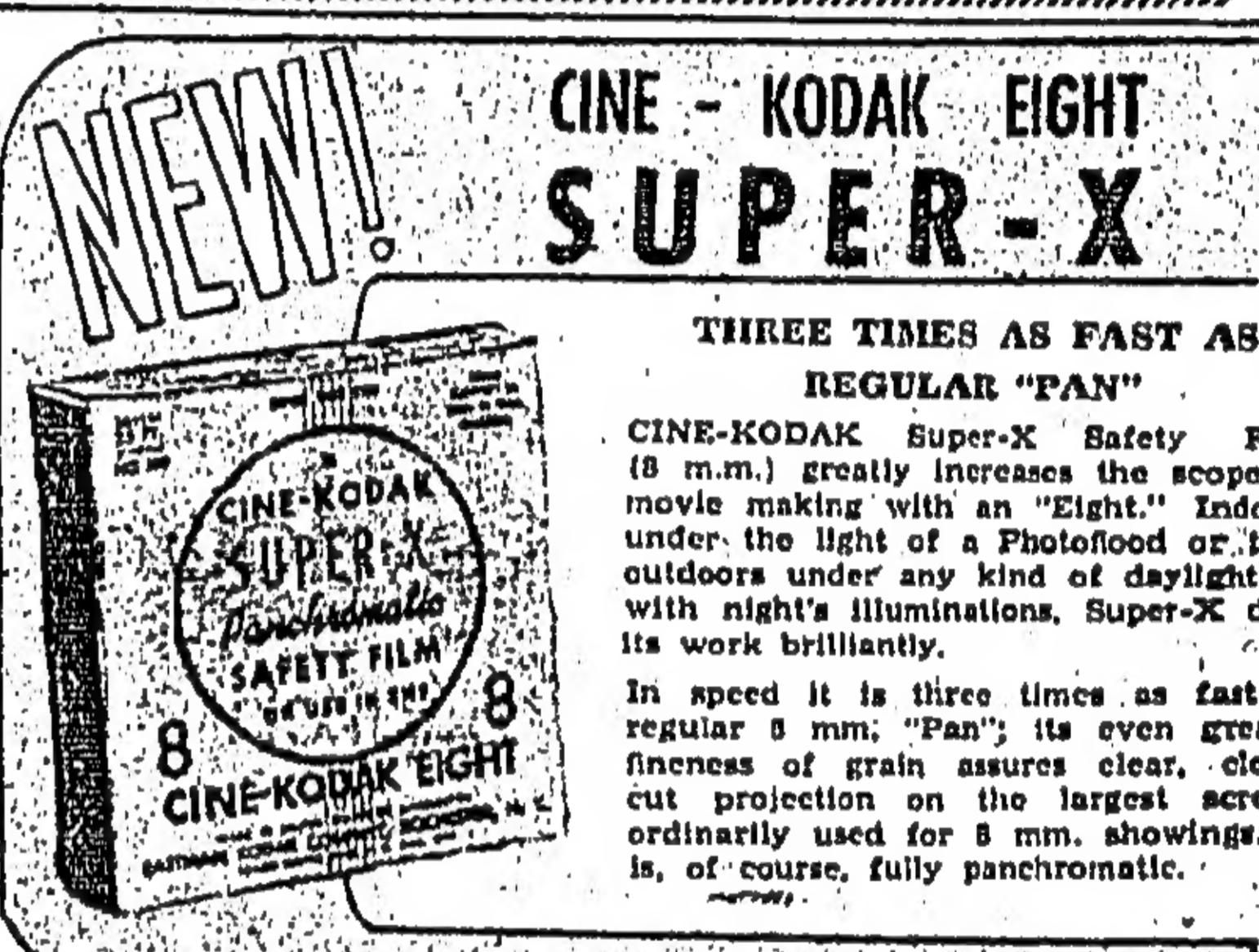
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ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

Religious Films

HOLLYWOOD seems to be seized with an urge for stories of a religious trend.

Cecil de Mille has planned a film of the life of Mary of Nazareth. This production will be started in the spring.

It will be Cecil de Mille's 67th picture. Casting is still to be tackled. No one knows who will play Mary but rumour has it that the role will be given to Madeleine Carroll.

Cecil de Mille is famous for his biblical epics. Remember "The Ten Commandments" made in 1923; that great film, "The Sign of the Cross"; and the silent film masterpiece, "The King of Kings" made in 1927. His new biblical epic will be made as a companion picture to "The King of Kings".

Another religious film scheduled for production this spring is "Marching as to War," dealing with the life of General William Booth.

Now "The Great Commandment," starring Tyrone Power, is announced by 20th Century-Fox as "a story of Jesus bringing about peace in the Jewish revolt against the Romans in A.D. 30".

The modest British project to film the entire Bible, mooted a year or so ago, seems to have gone cold.



BEN Turpin, (above) the 72-year-old cockeyed comic of the early slapstick school who retired from films in 1925, has been engaged for a featured role with Laurel and Hardy in their latest film "Two's Company". Turpin has the role of a plumber whose crossed eyes are responsible for the erratic plumbing in the Laurel and Hardy apartment.

"U-Boat 29"

Coming

IT is now learned that the British film "U-boat 29" which went up before the Malayan Film Committee of Appeal was later shown in Singapore with great success.

There is every hope that it will be shown in Hongkong shortly.

This film, which is being distributed by Columbia Films, is reported to have established an all-time record for Columbia in Singapore, with a gross reaching phenomenal proportions. It broke records in many cities and piled up heavy receipts in Caracas, Venezuela. This film was generally released throughout Great Britain under the title of "Spy in Black".

This film will be shown in Hongkong sometime next month.



CONRAD VEIDT (centre) takes the leading role in "U-boat 29," a British film, which will be shown in Hongkong shortly.

GERMAN ATTACHE

TOKYO, Feb. 27.—Rear-Admiral G. W. Vennerker, new Naval Attaché to the German Embassy, and Captain Giuseppe Prelli, new Naval Attaché to the Italian Embassy, accompanied by their families arrived in Tokyo on Monday.—Domei.

Leap Year Ball Dancers



FOUR of the dancers who will entertain at the Leap Year Ball to be held at the Gloucester Hotel on February 29 in aid of the British War Organisation Fund.

War Clauses In Contracts

HOLLYWOOD'S motion picture industry began recently to write "war clauses" into players' contracts.

Jean Fontaine received the first of these as she was called to sign a long term contract with Selznick International studios, where she was filming "Rebecca."

Only recently married to Brian Aherne and aware of the fact that theatrical couples are too often separated by the demands of two different careers, Miss Fontaine requested a special clause in her contract to prevent any long separations.

The clause, as written in, permits Joan to take leave of absence to accompany her husband on any trip providing she is not engaged in actual production herself.

However, the studio, to protect its star, insisted on a "war clause" being added. Since Joan's husband is a British subject likely to be called to the colours, the studio further specified that Joan could take her leaves of absence except for the purpose of going into any war zone.

Commenting on the unusual clause in her contract, Miss Fontaine said, "Marriage is much more important to me than a career. But I'd like to have both."

"Tarzan Finds A Son"

The M.G.M. production "Tarzan Finds a Son" has proved very popular in Shanghai. According to latest reports received, the film was shown for 32 consecutive performances. It is believed that the gross on this production will probably exceed the gross on "The Wizard of Oz."

"Tarzan Finds a Son" is another episode of the popular series created by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'Sullivan take the principal roles. The film introduces five year old John Sheffield.

This film will be shown in Hongkong sometime next month.

AT THE CINEMAS

Queen's and Alhambra: "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (Charles Laughton).

King's "Hawaiian Nights" and "Joe Louis vs. Arturo Godoy World's Heavyweight Championship."

Oriental: "Newsboys Home" (Jackie Cooper, Edmund Lowe).

Majestic: "Captured" (Leslie Howard, Doug Fairbanks Jr.).

Leigh-Taylor Team

VIVIEN Leigh and Robert Taylor will co-star in "Waterloo Bridge," an adaptation of Robert E. Sherwood's play of the same name.

Production recently started at the M.G.M. studios.

Mervyn Le Roy is directing the film with Sidney Franklin as producer.

"Waterloo Bridge" will be Vivien Leigh's first American film role following "Gone with the Wind".

She has, however, appeared before in films with Robert Taylor. This was in "A Yank at Oxford," made by M.G.M. in England, two years ago.

"The Yearling"

Marjorie Rawlings' popular novel, "The Yearling" is to be produced as a film by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Marc Connelly and four other writers will adapt the novel for the screen.



Charles Laughton, famous British actor, takes the leading role in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," an RKO-Radio film, now showing at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

Wharf And Godown Co. Dividend Of \$7

The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., report that, subject to audit, the amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ended December 31 is \$1,203,785.73. The amount brought forward from the year 1938 being \$202,077.12, the total now available, for distribution is \$1,405,862.85.

At the forthcoming annual meeting of shareholders, the Directors will recommend an appropriation as follows.—To pay dividend of \$7 per share, \$300,000; to transfer to General Reserve A/c, \$400,000; to transfer to Repairs and Renewals A/c, \$11,074.20; to carry forward \$424,100.00; total \$1,405,862.85.

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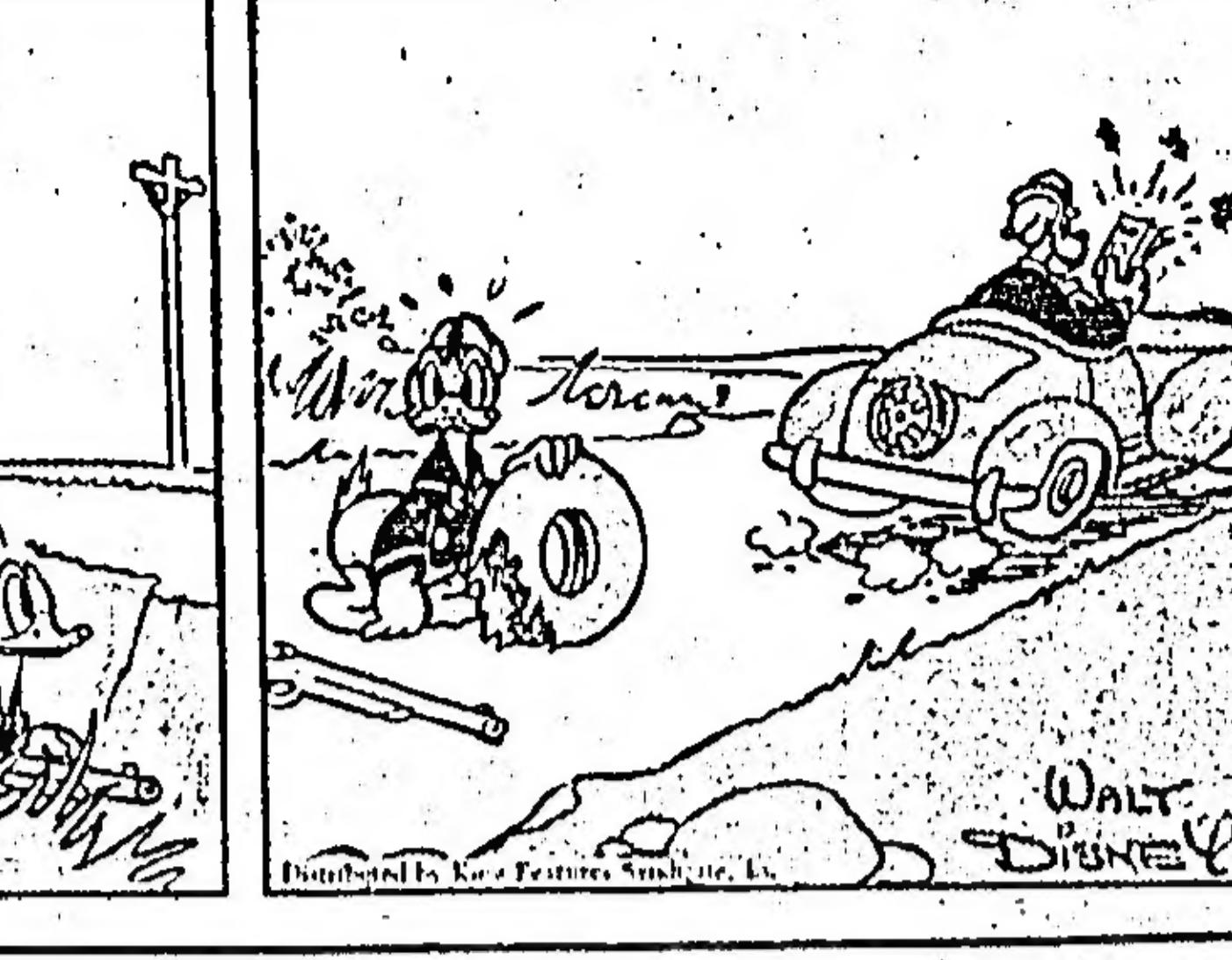
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DOWN	1-Knock	2-Relate	3-Paddle	4-Earl Sherman	5-Allow	6-Dead	7-Dead	8-Dead	9-Dead	10-Dead	11-Dead	12-Dead	13-Dead	14-Dead	15-Dead	16-Dead	17-Dead	18-Dead	19-Dead	20-Dead	21-Dead	22-Dead	23-Dead	24-Dead	25-Dead	26-Dead	27-Dead	28-Dead

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CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR EXPLAINS

DYING BIRD CHANGED HIM

THOMAS HILL, aged 22, who was placed on the roll of conscientious objectors, told Manchester tribunal this story:

Lived 57 Years For His Dream



Mr. Charles Sheath

When I was seven years old my father, who was a crack marksman, gave me an airgun. I went out shooting sparrows. One fell almost at my feet. Its beak was shot away.

"Wicked Thing"

I took it in my hands. It looked at me with its bright, sharp eyes, and something told me I had done a very wicked thing.

When the war began my employers turned to making war material. My conscience compelled me to resign. War and all forms of killing seem wrong to me.

12,000 PLANES IN TWO YEARS

NEW YORK. It is reported here that Great Britain and France are planning to buy 12,000 military aeroplanes in the United States within the next two years. Nearly all will be fighting models, since training planes are to be built in Canada.

American aeroplane factories are being rapidly enlarged, and before midsummer they will produce planes worth £12,000,000 monthly.

Smiles' Message

Recently, still near the tunnel of his dreams, he died, aged 90.

When Mr. Sheath was a boy, Samuel Smiles, who wrote the famous Victorian guide to success, "Self-Help," once told him: "A rolling stone gathers no moss."

He stayed a railway man for 75 years, graduating from a junior clerk to a director of the Southern Railway. It was his tunnel that gathered the moss.

LEAVE AND FREE RAIL DECISIONS

IMPORTANT changes in conditions of service in the Merchant Navy were agreed upon at meetings of the navigating and engineer officers and sailors and firemen and catering panels of the National Maritime Board.

The officers' panels agreed, as from March 1, next, to increase the Board's standard rates of pay of navigation and engineer officers by £2 a month and 10s. a week.

The officers have, for some time, been pressing for the regulation of officers' hours of duty, both in the foreign and the home trade.

The owners have tabled proposals, and it is expected that an agreement will soon be reached.

Liverpool Port Agreement

The Shipping Federation and the Employees' Association of the Port of Liverpool replied to the claims submitted on January 10 by the National Union of Seamen and the following agreements were reached, to come into force on March 1 next:

Standard Rates: The National Maritime Board standard rates of pay for ratings, which have been unchanged since January 1, 1939, to be increased by £1 a month and 10s. a week (half increase for boys).

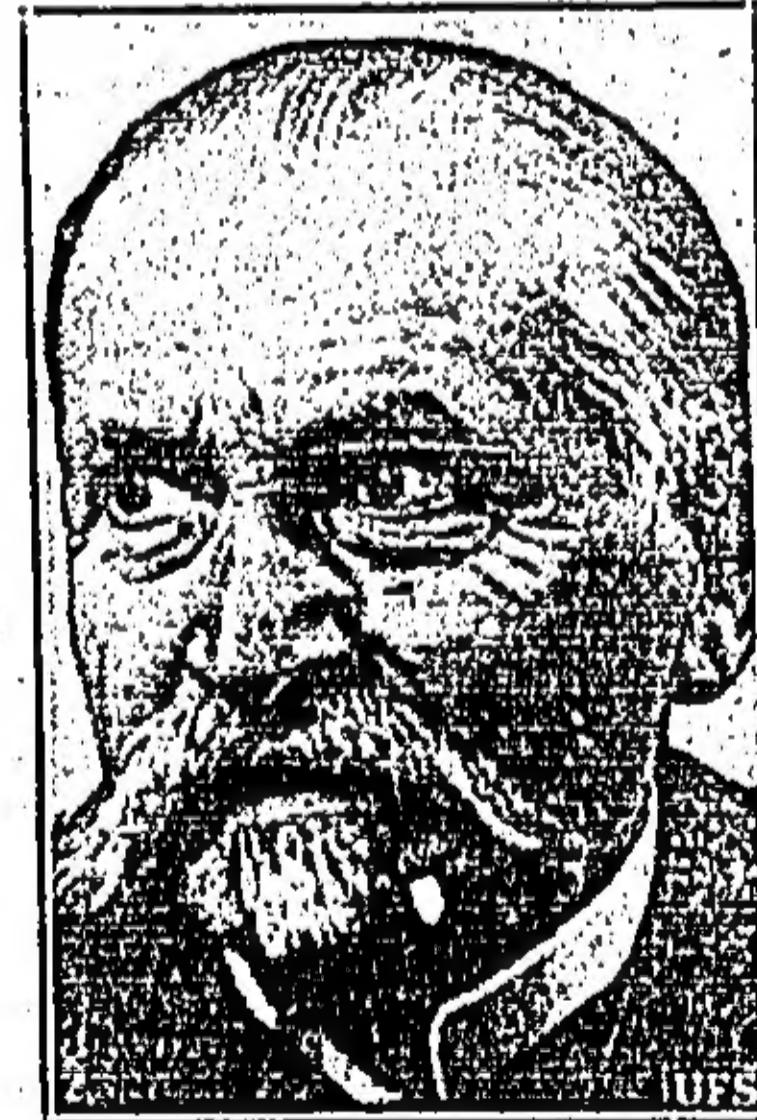
Seafarers' War Risk Money: To be paid at the same rate for all adults, irrespective of rank and rating, i.e., 2s. 2d. a month and £1 3s. 4d. per week (half rate for boys).

Wartime Leave

It was also agreed in principle that ratings should be given periodical wartime leave or pay in the United Kingdom. The detailed practical arrangements are to be drawn up by a special committee of the Sailors' and Firemen's and Catering Panels.

It was also decided to ask the Government to provide merchant officers and seamen with two free rail vouchers a year on the lines of the arrangements which apply to the Royal Navy and to certain merchant ships in attendance on the Fleet.

HE LEADS THE DEFENDERS



LEADER — New picture of President Kyosti Kallio of Finland, who leads the destinies of embattled 4,000,000 people in the fight to repel the Soviet invaders.

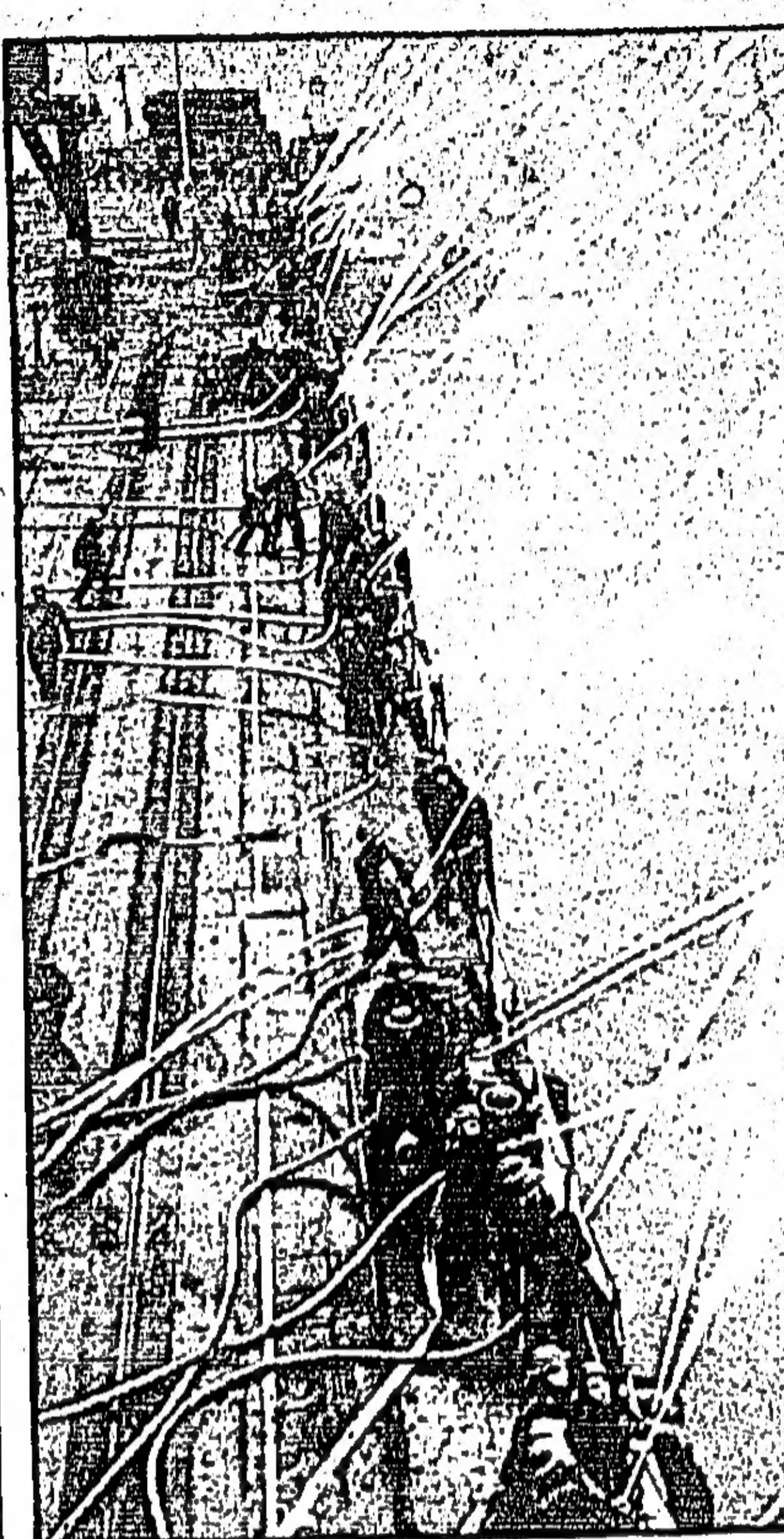
U.S. POLICE PUT SPECIAL GUARD ON BRITISH SHIPS

NEW YORK.

SPECIAL police squads began twenty-four-hour guard duty on the piers at Hoboken, New York, where British ships are moored, by request of the British Consulate.

It is reported that a warning was received by the Consulate that an attempt would be made to place bombs on board British ships.

WHEN THE WAR BEGINS



Old Soldier "Too Gentle" For War

She Crochets Too

NEW YORK has been taken by storm by the girl you see on the right.

She is Carmen Miranda, a Brazilian bombshell who is keeping New York night clubs lively in now interpretations of Spanish dancing. N.B.—Miranda also crochets.

Men of the A. F. S. plying their hose during a massed demonstration of fire-fighting method given by all units at Dagenham.



"CAME TO TEA," REDS TOLD

THE Finns are inviting the Red troops whom they have surrounded at Kuhmo to drop in for tea.

Finnish planes are flying over the Russian lines dropping leaflets, signed by the Divisional Commander, which read:

" Tie a white bandage round your forehead, put your gun over your shoulder, and come and surrender.

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" Structural precautions for protection against the effects of air attack may be advisable in some cases, but this should not extend to external disfigurement, adds the Ministry.

MANNERHEIM'S DAUGHTER

THE elder daughter of Field-Marshal Mannerheim, Leader of the Finnish armies in their fight against Russia, is living in London.

Her name is Anastasia, and she is a nun in a convent.

She went to England when she decided to change her religion from Protestant to Catholic.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The closing off in prices noticed at the close yesterday was again in evidence to-day. However, in spite of this, business continues on a generous scale.

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Tramways \$18.40

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Sales.

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Bank of East Asia \$77

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Provident \$5.05/5

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Realities \$5

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Yaumati Ferries \$20

China Lights (Old) \$8.00/.70

Electrics \$69/68%

Telephones (Old) \$11.5/31.5/31

Telephones (New) \$12.5/12.10

Cements \$20.10/20.20/20

Dairy Farms (Old) \$25.00/22.60

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It is vital to the safety of Britain that our fishermen should be willing in time of war to bring to the hazardous business of our defence the skill and endurance that give them a poor enough return in time of peace, and they have never been found wanting.

To-day their task is pursued without ceasing in the face of risks unknown before, for to the rage of winter storms and the menace of mine and torpedo is added the threat of attack from the air.

The sailor knows, and the landsman can well guess, what fortitude is needed for the work and what hardship it entails, yet among all the organisations for lightening the lot of this or that branch of the services none deals with the crews of the coastal craft that are so often in our minds. At least the monotony and anxiety of cramped quarters and constant peril can be lightened by the provision of wireless sets and of facilities for such games as can be played on board.

position of the retractable undercarriage, angle of the variable pitch propeller.

Instead of the simple ratchet that controls the throttle, he has a gantry of arms in the centre of the cockpit—a miniature railway-man's signal-box.

These control the pitch of the propeller, the mixture of the fuel, the speed of the engines, and, in some planes, the rows of bombs racks beneath the plane.

On top of all that, he has controls for the wing flaps which allow him down when he is landing, and for the wheels which he tucks away neatly when he is flying.

When he is on a bombing or reconnaissance flight, he has to think as well. Apart from the control of his plane he is responsible for watching for enemy machines.

Strapped to his mouth is the oxygen feed that is necessary at heights of more than 15,000 feet. He must remember to turn that on

and keep it at the right pressure, otherwise, and without warning, he is likely to collapse at his controls.

If he is bombing, it may be his responsibility to sight the target they are attacking, and either drop the bomb himself or give the instructions to one of his crew.

If he is fighting, he must control his own forward-firing guns, sighting them through a ring-sight before his face, and remembering to manoeuvre into every possible position to give his rear gunner a chance to get in bursts of fire whenever possible.

HE must dodge anti-aircraft shells, never get lost, look for cloud cover that may shield him from attack, and last of all, in the event of disaster, he must give every member of his crew the chance to get away before he himself leaps.

A job for a hero; much more a job for a man of real intelligence and cool reasoning.

A year ago, after he stepped from the simple plane in which he had made his first solo flight, he probably told himself that, though he had mastered the first step, he would never have the nerve to fly one of those vast £20,000-or-more death-carrying.

But he has.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I think the old bear is weakening! He used to give me five seconds to get out—now he gives me ten!"

NAVAL CONTROL

By Admiral
Sir R. Bacon

ONE of the most important factors in the successful waging of war is the exercise of common sense. Closely allied to this is the necessity for all services and individuals to subordinate both personal and corporate considerations to the furtherance of the war.

During my period of command of the Dover Patrol in the Great War, the advisability of concentrating all the coastal defences under one single head became indelibly stamped on my mind.

The situation at Dover so far as coastal defence was concerned became almost impossible. The gun defences were under military control, the gunners had had no practical training in the recognition of the differences between our own and enemy vessels. The fishermen who manned our trawlers and drifters were unaccustomed to paying meticulous attention to written orders, so that it was more by good fortune than anything else that regrettable incidents were avoided.

I QUOTE this old experience to show the evils of divided command. The common-sense solution of the impasse was to put the batteries under my orders; not because I was an Admiral, or wished to grab units under the command of some other authority, but because I and my chief of the staff were the only persons at Dover who possessed accurate knowledge as to when an enemy's vessel might or might not be expected, and also the general disposition of our own vessels.

So far as the air service was concerned, the whole of the air force was at Dover and Dunkirk was under my command, with the result that everything went like clockwork. The aeroplanes and seaplanes worked with the monitors when we bombarded the dockyard at Ostend or the locks at Zeebrugge.

The pilots and their commanding officer came over to Dover when necessary, and I explained to them exactly what I proposed to do and what I wished them to do. Consequently there was never any doubt on their part, nor had the orders to be transmitted through a third party, to the saving of staff work and the avoidance of possible errors and confusion.

The question of supply and maintenance of the coastal aircraft is a separate matter. To tamper with existing arrangements might well, in war-time, lead to confusion, but there can be no tactical reason why, as was the case at Dover, the coastal aircraft should not be under the control of the man who has direct knowledge of the position and submarine craft.

In the present war coastal protection has been complicated by seaplanes laying parachute mines. This intensifies the necessity for a close relationship between the patrolling aircraft and the minelaying organisation. Lastly, the hour is fast approaching when Germany will hurl a volcanic attack of aeroplanes, seaplanes, mining craft and surface craft in one intensive week of attempted destruction and demoralisation of our defences. Heaven help our coastal defence if it falls between the stools of divided control. Obviously there can be no tactical or strategical reason for divorcing the coastal aircraft from the naval command. If so, why do so? I fear it looks very like the old story of the amour propre of one portion of our armed forces being offended and a dislike of a command being curtailed.

To Protect Seamen From War Dangers

Chamber Of Shipping's Recommendations

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Life-saving jackets which a crew could wear at work, and the provision of rafts for all on board were among the recommendations made by the British Chamber of Shipping to its members as safety measures to meet the danger of ships being torpedoed or mined. This is revealed in the annual report of the Chamber of Shipping.

Other recommendations included the provision of illumination on rafts and on an increased number of lifebuoys, alternative lighting on ships and electric torches for members of the crew.

Higher Running Costs

The report dealt with the increased running costs for shipping, pointing out that a deep sea tramp steamer of about 9,000 tons would, in April, 1939, have cost £23 per day to run £48 per day in September, 1939, and £51 per day in January, 1940.

A vessel which would have cost £100,000 to build in 1938 cost £120,000 immediately before the war and would cost £160,000 today.

The report pointed out that there is not a single shipbuilding yard idle in this country. Foreign competition, so far from diminishing, was being greatly strengthened.

Under the first step towards maintaining British shipping, says the report, there must be a strengthening of the financial position of the industry during the war in order that it might be able to compete with foreign shipping after the war.

DRAMATIC FLIGHTS OVER NAZI CITIES

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Paris region. Others scouted in other sectors. An anti-aircraft shell blasted a two-foot hole in a street near a subway station, shattering the windows in the neighbourhood.

Holigoland Raid

The official news agency in Berlin claims the Germans shot down a British Bristol Blenheim over the Heligoland Bight and said the anti-aircraft guns so damaged a second R.A.F. plane it was probably unable to return to its base.

The Berlin official news agency admitted that the R.A.F. flew over northwest Germany but denied they reached Berlin.

A London report says a British patrol brought down a Heinkel plane over the Firth of Forth and brought down a second Heinkel off the Northumberland coast. The crew of three of this second plane took to rubber boats. These two German planes are the 42nd and 43rd known to have been downed by the British defenders.

Air Ministry Admission

The Air Ministry said the R.A.F. successfully reconnoitred over the Heligoland Bight and admitted that one plane failed to return.

Air circles indicated that during the past 24 hours air activity has been the heaviest since the start of the war. At least four separate flights were made over German territory—the fourth of such flights in the last five days.

A report from the Hague states officially that aeroplanes of unidentified nationality were observed along the coast near Amsterdam and Utrecht where anti-aircraft batteries went into action several times.

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nounced by the Air Ministry this morning constituted the fourth R.A.F. night survey of Germany in five days.

The aircraft first visited Emden, the base of mine-laying seaplanes, after which they separated for two main objectives—Berlin and the Ruhr.

Leaflets and recognition flares were dropped on Berlin, where not a single searchlight came on, although the aircraft came down to a few thousand feet above such famous streets as the Unter den Linden and the Wilhelmstrasse to release their load.

Only one fighter was seen hereabouts but it did not attempt to join in combat with the raiders which were plainly visible in bright moonlight.

Leaflets On Cologne

More leaflets were dropped at Cologne.

Other towns crossed included Emden, Duisburg and Dortmund.

The most important details were observed by the planes and it is believed, by those which flew over the important seaports in north-west Germany and the Baltic.

In less than a week, R.A.F. night-fliers, by the aid of photographs and ordinary observation, have secured a great mass of new information about Germany with little or no loss.

NO CURRENCY DEPRECIATION

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, assured a questioner in the House of Commons today that currency depreciation would not be resorted to as a means of stimulating export trade by giving an unassimilable competitive exchange advantage.

CHURCHILL UTTERS WARNING

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near future" further and greater attacks on British sea power.

Cheers For Churchill

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, was received with cheers when he rose to speak on the Naval Estimates.

"I come on behalf of the Navy," he said, "to ask for a few men, some ships and a little money (laughter) to enable them to carry on their work."

Mr. Churchill's reference to money referred to £100,000 grant representing an amount running into many millions but which is undefined. Mr. Churchill continued, "There has grown up a much wider comprehension of the certainty that mistakes will be made both at Whitehall and on the salt water and that however hard we try the painful drain of losses will be sustained."

"This will only make us more zealous to discharge our task and to give satisfaction and win approval by producing good results."

Not Expedient

"I regret it is not expedient to give the House the precise facts and figures regarding the proposed strength and cost of the Navy but there is no need to tell the enemy more than is good for him about what we are doing" (laughter).

Mr. Churchill said that by the end of 1939, Germany had lost from all causes at least half their U-boats, namely 35. He doubted very much whether even ten fresh U-boats came into action in that period.

In the last two days, he said, there had been one certainly and two almost certain U-boat sinkings.

Clear Warning

Mr. Churchill said, "So far the Navy has borne the main weight of the war. If at any time in the future it becomes apparent that we have got the upper hand in an even more marked and decisive form than that at present, I shall be the first to propose a review of our resources and requirements; but attack will be delivered upon our seapower, by which we live on and which we all depend on for a greater scale than anything which we have so far beaten back or beaten down."

Referring to the U-boat campaign, Mr. Churchill said: "I was in error when some months ago I said that the rate of Germany's new building of U-boats could be counted at two weekly. This and even more may be true in the future but it was not true up to the end of 1939.

"The enemy may have ended last year with about 45 U-boats of which about 20 would be required for training leaving perhaps 25 for active operations. As these would work in two or three reliefs the number at any one time cannot be very large.

"Indeed our calculations show that it has probably not exceeded that at any one time.

"Since the New Year things have sharpened up on both sides. We are getting an increasing number of U-boats and we have had some quite exceptional weeks of proved results.

Mystery Sinkings

"We do not make announcements of the sinking of U-boats. Unless there are some features of special interest we leave them wrapped in mystery."

Remembering the substantial losses we have suffered from just these few U-boats operating up to the present, the House will see how vast must be the preparations which we ought to make and which we have had to cope with a full-scale attack which may come upon us."

"With the passage of the summer the new building of U-boats will increasingly come into play and we expect to meet them with our very large new buildings of craft especially adapted to their destruction."

"We shall be building all this summer at our capacity."

After mentioning the efforts which are being made to make a large increase in the rate of merchant ship-building in order to replace inevitable losses, Mr. Churchill continued:

"The U-boat is being steadily driven from using the gun on the surface of the water and has been largely driven from using torpedoes and laying mines, magnetic and other kinds, in approaches to our harbours."

The Magnetic Mines

Referring in more detail to the magnetic mine, Mr. Churchill declared: "There is nothing particularly new or novel about it, although mechanically it is very nicely made (laughter). I feel entitled to say that we see our way to mastering this magnetic mine and other variants of the same idea" (cheers).

"How this is being achieved is a detective story written in a language of its own."

"To be modest (laughter) we do not feel at all outdone in science in this country by the Nazis."

"There are two stages in process of dealing with the magnetic mine. The first is the finding of what to do and the second is the applying of that knowledge on a very large scale."

Believe We Can Deal With It

"We are now advanced upon the second stage and although we must expect progress, in the immediate future, further and much heavier attacks upon us by this method we believe we shall find ourselves able to deal with it."

"To cope with these attacks by mines we have had to call upon our fishing fleets and fishermen. Although this year we shall have about 25,000 at our disposal, we had at the end of November to call for many thousands of volunteers for mine sweeping duties."

"The engagement was only for three months and it is now clear that it must be greatly prolonged."

"In many seaports over 75 per cent. of those who volunteered for three months now wish to continue for the duration of the war and the

COLOMBO CRISIS

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appointment of a Commission of Inquiry into alleged shooting by the Police on the other.

The Home Minister subsequently protested to the Governor that Mr. Banks had not carried out "instructions" to postpone the cases pending the Commission's report as decided by the State Council.

Governor's Decision

The Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, formerly Governor of Hongkong, though regretting that Mr. Banks had not "worded his letter more happily" to the Minister, did not think that there had been insubordination as alleged.

He also pointed out the statutory responsibility imposed on the Police and doubted the propriety of the procedure adopted by the Home Minister.

The Minister maintains that the question goes to the root of the Donoughmore Constitution.

Admiralty are going to meet their wish. (cheers).

Excitable Behaviour

"So excitable has been the behaviour of some of the German aviators in attacking harmless unarmed vessels and machine-gunning the crews when in boats and in describing on the radio 'What fun it was to see the little ship crackling up in flames like a Christmas tree,' that we have had to set about arming all our fishing boats and small craft with a means of defending themselves" (cheers).

"We have reason to know that several of them have sheered off very quickly when they found that the fishermen who had only just been given a weapon fired back upon them."

Thousands of guns of all sorts and sizes are being issued to our merchant and fishing fleets.

"The Nazis have relented by saying this entitles them to break all conventions which they have already broken many times over" (laughter).

"They may be, of course, able to apply their methods on a larger scale but they have not for some time been able to descend to any new level of cruelty and disgrace."

"I suppose the House realises that Hitler and his Nazis have quite definitely exceeded the worst villainies which Imperial Germany committed during the last war" (cheers).

"One of the most extraordinary things I have ever known in my experience is the way in which the German illegalities, atrocities and brutalities are coming to be accepted as if they were part of the ordinary day-to-day conditions of war (cheers)."

Apparently, according to the present doctrine of the neutral states probably endorsed by the Government, Germany is to gain one set of advantages by breaking all the rules and committing foul outrages and then go on and gain another set of advantages through insisting, whenever it suits her, upon the widest interpretation of the International Code she has torn to pieces.

"It is not at all odd that His Majesty's Government is getting rather tired of it" (cheers).

Getting Tired Of It

"I am getting rather tired of it myself (laughter). For my part I can say without hesitation that in the interpretation of the rules and conventions affecting neutrals, humanity rather than legal pedantry must be our chief guide (cheers) and judging from the Almink episode this seems to be the opinion not only of the British nation but of the civilised world."

Referring to battleships, Mr. Churchill said: "If we had not got at the present time an unquestionable superiority in battleships, Germany's heavy cruisers would come out into the Atlantic Ocean and, without fear of being brought to account, would be able to obstruct, if not to arrest, the whole of the enormous trade without which we could not live" (cheers).

"They might make temporary bases in different quarters of the globe and thus might establish themselves in positions where we could have no means whatever of attacking them. In this way they would soon bring about our mortal ruin."

Ready For Anything

"Happily we have a far greater strength in capital ships than the enemy and, at every time they break out, as they do, we are always ready to meet them with much larger forces and bring them to battle and destroy them as we did in the isolated case of the Graf Zeppelin."

"Without a superior battle fleet we could not exercise any command of the sea nor even keep ourselves alive with food!"

Recalling that during the last war Britain had to keep always ready 30 to 40 battleships with attendant squadrons and destroyers to fight a small battle at any time, Mr. Churchill said: "Now this preoccupation has been diminished. The enemy have only two really big ships and cannot attempt to form a line of battle."

"We have at least three if not four lines of battle, not one of which the enemy could face in an engagement."

"Therefore we are able to dispose of our ships much more widely and, at the same time, to keep ample forces always at sea ready to engage the enemy's principal vessels should they present themselves."

"Upon this fact depends the whole of our sea control."

Better Equipped

Mr. Churchill mentioned that the new warships which Britain was building were capable of standing up to air bombing and were far better

Trade With Japan

Questions Asked In House Of Commons

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LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Miss Wilkinson asked Sir Andrew Duncan, the President of the Board of Trade, regarding the arrangement recently made with the Japanese Government providing for the import of 350,000 dozen pairs of stockings and a large quantity of other textiles from Japan.

Sir Andrew replied that there had been for some years an agreement between British and Japanese hosiery manufacturers for the limitation of exports of Japanese hosiery to the United Kingdom. This agreement was renewed in January and with the agreement, the British hosiery industry imports licensing restrictions were since relaxed so as to allow the limited import of cheap Japanese hosiery of a kind not made here in quantities sufficient to meet the demand.

Exports Agreement

Miss Wilkinson asked whether in view of our position as regards unemployment and food supplies, it was necessary to arrange for the import of silk stockings in war time.

Sir Andrew replied that there was likewise a need for export trade and it was made quite clear to the Japanese Government that the continuance of this concession depends on their attitude to the admission of British woollen hosiery to Japan.

Mr. Thorne (Labour): "The more trade we do with the Japanese the more they can hammer away at the Chinese."

DEATH PENALTY APPEAL FAILS

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THOSE "MISERABLE" GOLF CLUBS GREAT FEATS WITH BROKEN DOWN PUTTERS RECALLED

If past history can be relied upon, it would seem that expensive putters have not always inspired their wielders with confidence, writes L. B. Stanley in "The Field." Often the contrary has proved to be the case. Time and again, for instance, we find that an armoury of the finest matched clubs includes a rusty old hickory putter whose days of active service look as if they had ended with the guttie ball.

The presence of this ugly duckling is interesting. It shows how men who base their play upon the strictest scientific lines sometimes become almost superstitious in this most vital department of the game.

Here is an example. While spending an enjoyable afternoon in the Dollymount Club I noticed a small figure on the home green practising hard at putting. It proved to be Paddy Mahon who not so very long ago was listed with the second best average of the British professionals. This intensive activity, I was informed, was due to recent indifferent performances on the greens.

Mahon confirmed this later. He declared that his putting touch seemed temporarily to desert him, but he had at last found a cure; he had changed his putter. Upon handling the club in question my first impressions were that it might be used for almost anything except putting. The grip had gone and the shaft was hopelessly warped, yet Mahon used this club throughout a later championship and undeniably recaptured his cunning on the greens. Truly, faith is a wonderful thing.

BOUGHT FROM CADDY

A similar case occurred at Troon last year. I was talking to Charles Yates, the eventual winner of the championship, and observed that his putter looked somewhat the worse for wear. He agreed, and went on to say that it had belonged to a friend who had died three years before. He had left his clubs to his caddy, but Yates had bought the putter for one dollar and a quarter. An invaluable investment, so he declared, as through it he had gained Walker Cup recognition. No idle claim, for

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Macao Interport Hockey Team

The Macao Hockey Club have selected the following to meet Hongkong in the Inter-port hockey match on Sunday, March 24:

C. C. Almada; R. Rosario and L. Costa (Capt.); J. Nolasco, Alex. Airoso and J. Santos Ferreira; Fred Nolasco, Alberto Airoso, Pedro Angelo, R. Angelo and A. Angelo. Reserves. — A. Basto, M. Soares, G. Silva and J. T. Silva.

Seven-A-Side Rugger Tournament

Entries for the annual Rugby Football Seven-a-side Tournament are now coming in and it is anticipated that 20 teams will compete of whom about 10 will represent various Army Units.

The Royal Navy are not at their usual numerical strength this year, but will be able to enter at least two good sevens. Other teams will be drawn from Hongkong Police, who are the present holders of the Trophy, R.N.V.R., Civil Service, R.A.F., Hongkong Bank, Butterfield and Swire and Rest of the Club.

The tournament will be held as usual on the Club ground, at Happy Valley, the preliminary rounds being played on Monday and Wednesday, March 11 and 13, at 4.30 p.m. and the final on Saturday, March 16.

Proceeds this year will be devoted to the British War Organisation Fund, and it is hoped that there will be more than the usual strong support for the Tournament, on this account.

His Excellency the Governor is giving his support to the Tournament and will be present at the final, and has kindly consented to present to the winning team the Blarney Stone Shield, the trophy for which the tournament is played.

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Lightweights Livened British Boxing In 1939

Not many years have produced so few British championship contests as 1939. The best boxing was provided by the lightweights.

Big tournament met with mixed financial success. The Harvey-McAvoy and Phillips-Doyle bill at White City drew the largest crowd ever known at a boxing show in England. At the other extreme failure of John Henry Lewis to defend his world light-heavyweight title cost Wembley a lot of money.

This Week's Football Fixtures

Following is the League football programme for this week:

To-Day

FIRST DIVISION
Royal Scots v Middlesex (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION
R.A.S.C. v Engineers (Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION
5. China "A" v Middlesex (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)

Royal Scots v Kwong Wah (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
Police v St. Joseph's (Boundary Road, 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION "A"
Club v 8th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION
International v Royal Scots (Military, 4.30 p.m.)

24th R.A. v R.A.S.C. (St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)

12th R.A. v Engineers (Stanley, 4.30 p.m.)

5th R.A. v Kungsans (Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)

South China v Electric (Cerrolline Hill, 3 p.m.)

Signals v R.A.M.C. (Military, 3 p.m.)

SUNDAY

FIRST DIVISION
S. China "B" v Kowloon (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)

Club v Eastern (Club, 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION
South China v Engineers (Caroline Hill, 3 p.m.)

TENNIS

DRAW FOR COLONY'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

The draw for the Colony tennis championships, organised by the Hongkong Cricket Club, was made yesterday and resulted as follows:

OPEN SINGLES

Byes into second round—S. A. Rumjahn v. H. C. Fay; P. S. Leong v. S. A. Gray; Kwoh Hing-chung v. O. Rumjahn; Lam Kwai v. J. W. Leonard; H. D. Rumjahn v. Fredrick Khan.

First round—Marland Ma v. E. Zulau; Y. Y. Ho v. A. R. Kitchell; Paul Kong v. J. J. Ho; Theophilus v. W. C. Chan; Ben Louis v. O. Umianti; Taut Van-pui v. T. J. Gould; J. L. C. Pearce v. Peter U. T. Pearce; v. Wong Hok-nang; R. D. Leonard v. J. R. Turner; Y. C. Lee v. Wei Chung.

Byes into second round—P. P. Tang; Tente Kwoh v. Y. M. A. Razack; A. Crawford; v. H. D. Rumjahn; T. T. Ng v. Lee Hak-kok; Leung Ping-chu v. J. Gonzalez; I. Agafuroff v. Taut Wal-pui.

OPEN DOUBLES

Byes into second round—Taut Wal-pui and Taut Van-pui v. S. A. Hussain and G. Rumjahn; Dew Shing-cheong and Ip Kong-sing v. A. R. Kitchell and I. M. Razack.

First round—T. and B. Agafuroff v. Wong Fook-nam and Lam Kwan; Wong Monaghan and T. J. Gould; J. Gonzales and A. V. Remedios v. Ng Kam-chuen and Taut Ping-tan; Paul Kong and B. Szeto v. K. K. Lam; T. Y. Yuen-tung; E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung; A. C. Chan and J. Hsu; Kwoh Hing-chung and Liu Kwai-fan v. C. H. R. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson; and Marland Ma v. H. Kwoh Hing-chung and Liang v. Lt. J. S. Theophilus and S. G. Garrard.

Byes into second round—Fang Olam and Leung Ping-chu v. J. J. Ferguson and D. L. Rosenquist; Lee Hua-kek and J. Leonard v. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn.

On July 10 unprecedented scenes were witnessed at White City, London. A record attendance for a fight in England watched Jack Doyle knocked out in the first round by Eddie Phillips. Harvey won the world light-heavy-weight title (according to the British Board of Control) in a contest with McAvoy.

Big boxing closed down the year with another financial failure, when Boon again beat Crowley for the light-weight title at Harringay, the Londoner straining a tendon when falling to the canvas.

Kowloon Junior School Annual Sports

The annual sports meeting of the Kowloon Junior School will be held on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground to-morrow morning, commencing at 10 a.m. Mrs. J. R. Higgs will present the prizes.

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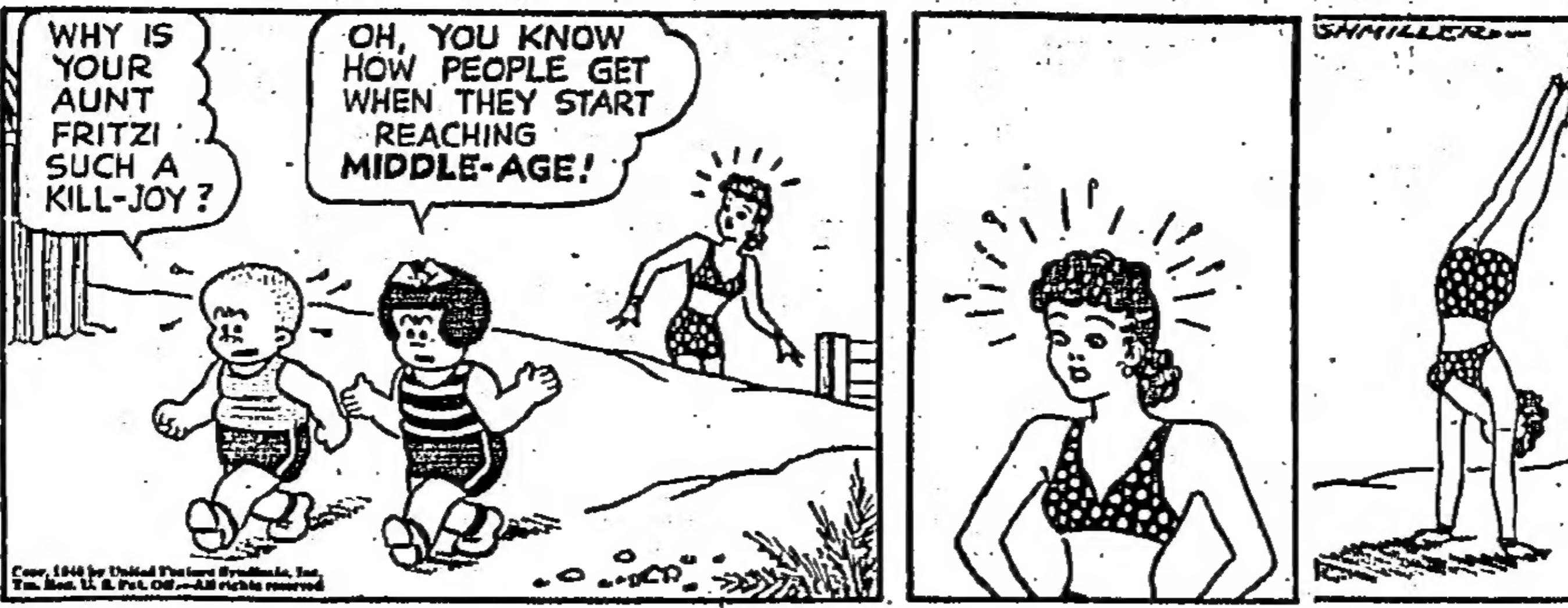
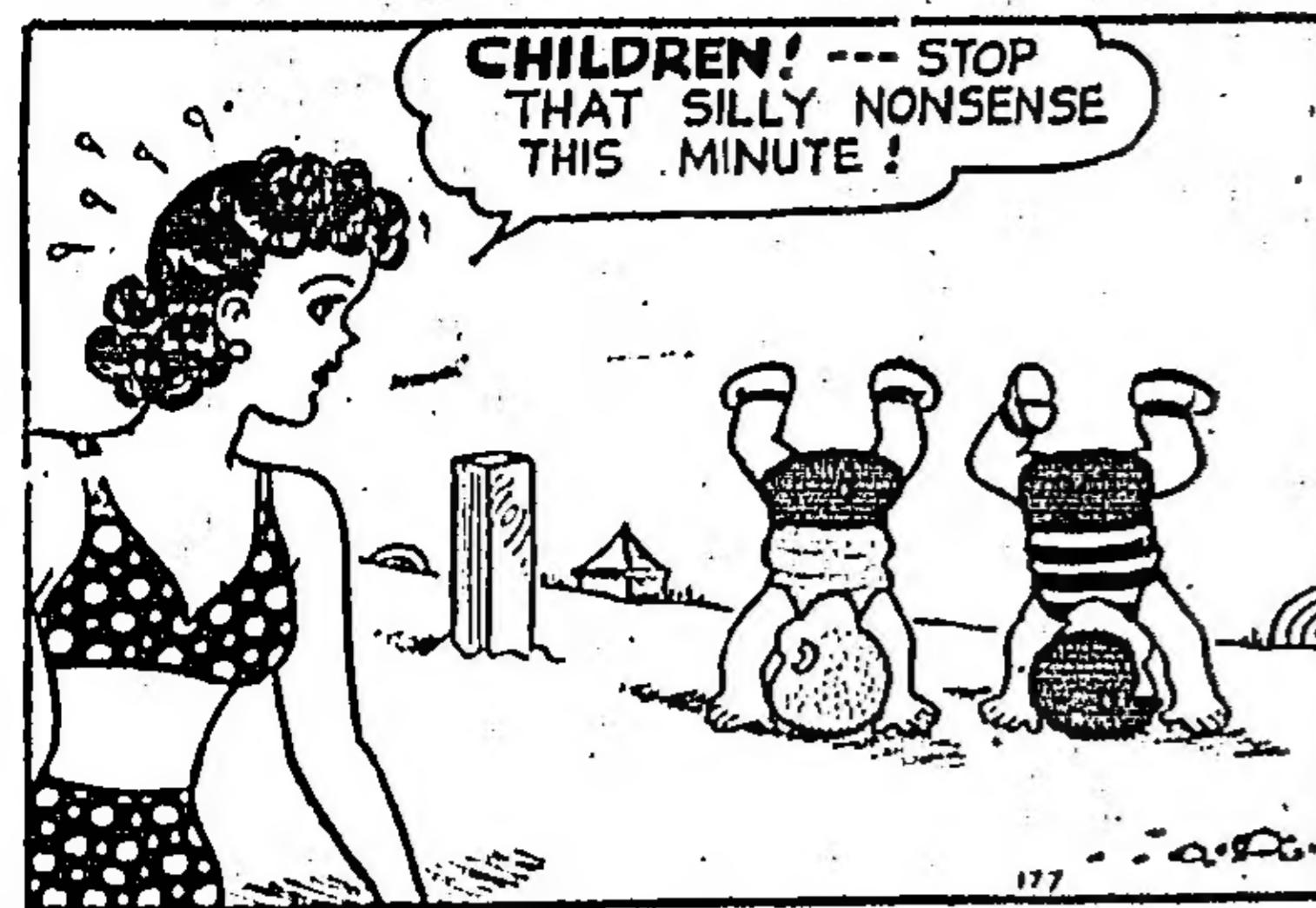
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A Look Through
The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 28, 1890.
To let at the Peak, "Greggan" formerly occupied by Mr. T. Jackson. For one year from May 1, 1890. Apply to Arnold, Karpers & Co.

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25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 28, 1915.

America's famous humorist, Mr. Ellison, has just given his impressions of the war to a New York correspondent. "The Germans," he said, "are a great people commercially, industrially, agriculturally, but they have been brought up in an atmosphere of egoism. Everything they do has been ordained to the military caste, and I think the sooner this system is ended the better for the German people."

The King has instituted a new Decoration called "The Military Cross." It consists of a Cross of silver having on each arm the Imperial Crown and bearing in the centre the letters G.R.I. It is ordained that no person shall be eligible for this Decoration nor be nominated thereto unless he is a Captain or a commissioned Officer of a long-service or a Warrant Officer in the Army, or the Indian or Colonial Military Forces.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 28, 1930.
To mark the 80th birthday of President Masaryk, which occurs on March 7, the Czech Parliament has voted him a personal gift of over £120,000. President Masaryk was the son of a coachman and started life as an employee of a Vienna locksmith. He is the first President of the Republic.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 28, 1935.
The U. S. Navy Department has disclosed that Pan-American Airways has asked for permission to use the islands and West Samoa, in the Hawaiian group, and space in Guam, for experimental trans-Pacific flight bases.

Those "Miserable"
Golf Clubs

(Continued from Page 8.)

No Re-Export
To ReichHow Britain's War
Trade Pacts Operate

Allison contrived to wield it throughout that championship.

Another occasion was during the Open at Hoylake in 1936. Finding that his putter failed to comply with the necessary regulations, Gene Sarazen borrowed an old brass-headed club with which he gave a brilliant exhibition of consistent green work throughout the week.

"CALAMITY JANE"

The classic example, of course, was when Jimmy Marzden lent Bob Jones an old rusty putter whilst playing over the Long Island course. Jones sank so many putts that Marzden presented it to him at the end of the round.

The club was later christened "Calamity Jane" and brought immortal fame to its owner. What a pity that the late Harry Vardon was unable to find such inspiration, for despite his wonderful record, he was, by his own confession, an indifferent putter.

One man who suffered agonies trying to find this putting elixir was Leo Diegel. His record makes impressive reading, but his brilliance is not due to his putting. Few people realised at the time that he was left with a possible putt on the last green at St. Andrews to win the 1933 Open. He failed, in a state of nervous tension, and missed the return to tie. It seems strange that a man, who can confidently drive a ball three hundred yards down the centre of the fairway, should be reduced to a state of indecision over a yard putt, yet such is golf.

In Diegel's case, he was faced with a problem that has confronted many golfers. His trouble was a form of acute muscular tension which brought about a distressing nervous condition whenever he had to putt. PUTTING "JITTERS"

Diegel tried every possible cure for this trouble, popularly known as putting "jitters." As a last resort he consulted a neurologist, with a certain amount of success. He was told that he would have to eliminate his fingers as far as he could from the execution of the shot as they are more liable to nervous tension than any other part of the body. This he managed to do to a certain extent by putting from the shoulders, which are the least affected by nervous troubles.

The result was that Diegel produced the weird putting stance which was soon called "Diegeling." This

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The aims of British war trade agreements were outlined by Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, in the House of Commons to-day in reply to a question by Miss Ward whether the Government, in any agreements concluded or under negotiations with neutral governments, had consented to the continuation of re-export to Germany by the neutral countries concerned.

Mr. Cross in reply stated that war trade agreements generally aimed at securing guarantees against the re-export of contraband goods to Germany with machinery for their enforcement, thus facilitating the operation of our contraband control and at the same time entraining the neutral countries concerned to maintain our domestic economy.

Belligerent Rights

Mr. Cross emphasised that there was nothing in the agreements which prevented us from exercising our full belligerent rights in respect of any consignments in regard to which we had evidence of an enemy destination.

There had been no substantial difficulty in securing that the machinery in neutral countries for preventing the re-export to Germany of their overseas imports, especially foodstuffs and raw materials, should be operated in a manner satisfactory to us.

With regard to goods which these countries produced themselves, the countries concerned usually stipulated that such goods might be expected to both belligerents on a second-time level.

Cases where a neutral country had a manufacturing industry depending on imports of raw materials were most difficult to deal with, and our aim in the case of important commodities had been by agreement to prevent entirely, or restrict to trifling quantities, exports of such manufactures to Germany.

awkward-looking crouch solved many of his former fears, but, at the same time, he created a great deal of trouble for others through his new style. Some golfers are always experimenting, and many tried to adopt this stance which was totally unsuited to their style.

COUNTEES

Finland's Appeal
To Sportsmen

To the Editor, "Telegraph": Sir,—In 1938 the International Olympic Committee entrusted Finland with organising the XIIIth Olympic Games in Helsinki, capital of the Finnish Republic. Finland and her sportsmen accepted this commission with gratitude and, thanks to the generous sacrifices of the entire nation, the preparations had progressed so far by the autumn of 1939 that the successful realisation of the Games seemed ensured. In a cheerful and confident spirit we looked forward to the arrival of the world's athletes and sportsmen on our guests.

When the European war broke out in autumn, Finland decided to continue her preparations for the Olympic Games. We thought that even in times of war it was important to keep alive the Olympic idea, an idea that would unite all the nations of the world in a spirit of peace and brotherhood. We felt that was our duty to arrange the Games at the very time when their significance as a symbol of goodwill among the nations was greater than ever. Shortly after having been entrusted with the Games we defined their aim: to be a fest which would awaken, in all individuals and nations, a desire for mutual understanding and hold before the eyes of a world, infected with discord and suspicion, the ideal of peace.

But when less than a year remained before the Games, Bolshevik Russia attacked our peaceful people, thereby violating the Non-aggression Pact with Finland. She disclosed her intentions by making air raids on the unfertilized Olympic City killing women and children with bombs and machine guns. Russia's aim is to destroy Finland's independence through bloodshed and fire.

The people of Finland have taken up arms as one man. They have abandoned their peacetime occupations and are now using all their power to defend their right to their native land. The nation fights for its very existence.

At this moment Finland is not sending out information about the Games. Nevertheless the Organising Committee of the XIIIth Olympic Games has met in order to make this appeal to the athletes and sportsmen of the world. We beseech you, our fellow athletes and sportsmen in all parts of the world, to think of Finland at this moment—Finland, the country, which was entrusted with the XIIIth Olympic Games, the country, which expected to greet the flower of the world's youth, her guests at this great festival of peace, the country which has been attacked without the slightest justification by a Great Power pursuing its bolshevist policy.

And when you are thinking of Finland may you understand that however encouraging the sympathy shown us by the world has been, it is not sufficient for a nation struggling against an enemy fifty times greater in size and power.

It's up to you, also, Athletes and Sportsmen of the world, to decide whether this appeal from the Organising Committee of the XII Olympic Games shall be a lost message or not.

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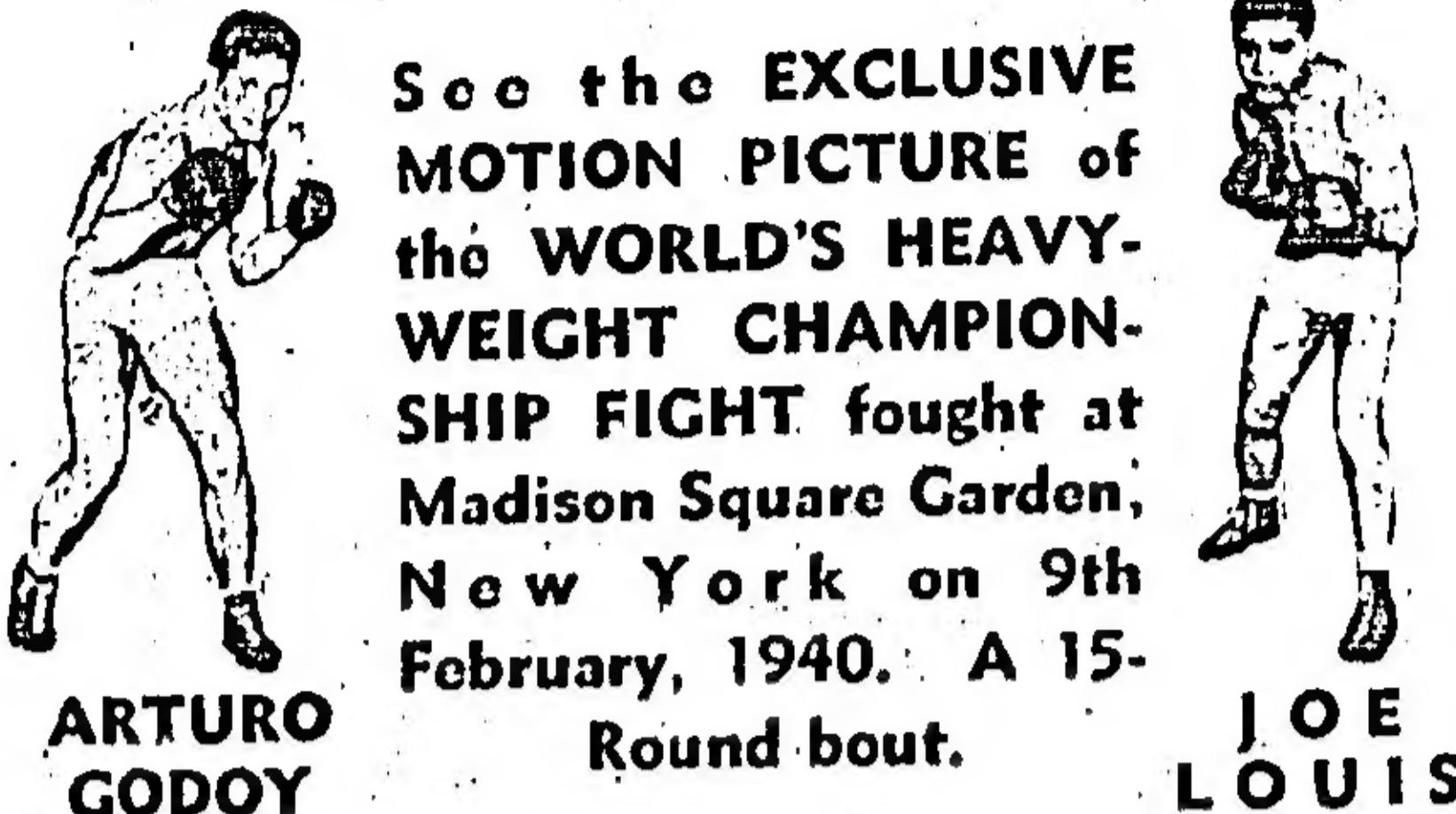
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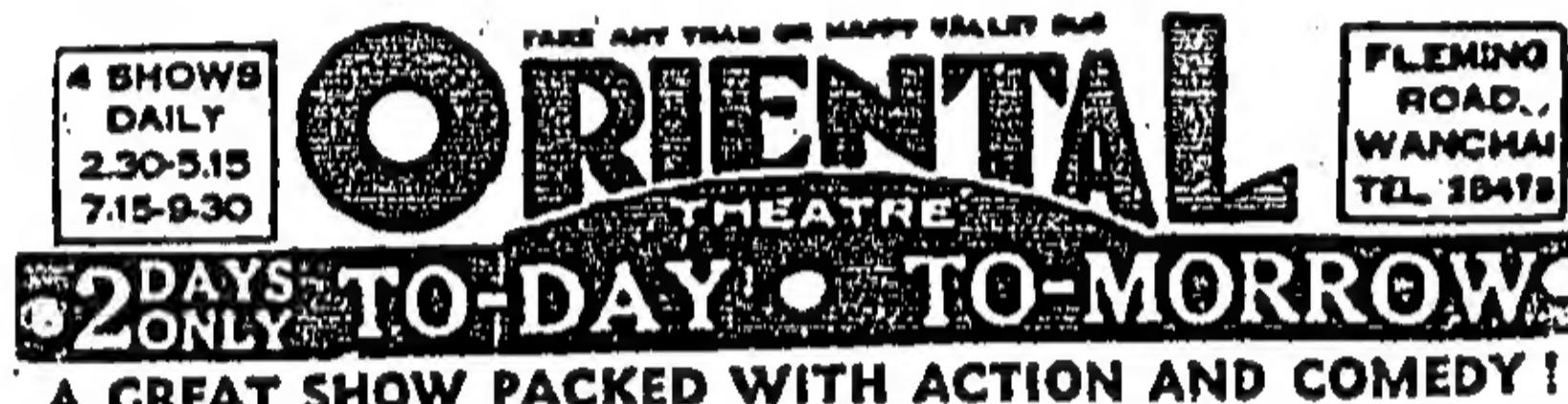
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By O. D. GALLAGHER
Daily Express War Reporter

WITH THE B.E.F. IN FRANCE

EVERY British gun in France could fire day and night for several months (or until the guns were worn out), and still they wouldn't exhaust our dumps of ammunition hidden in the safety spots of France.

Shell shortage? Not this time, I think. All the bases in the original B.E.F. plan have been filled, and as more ammunition arrives from home every week, new bases are being established.

I've just finished a tour of the B.E.F. bases, and although I had a big job for the job, I couldn't get round to all of them in the four days allotted me.

I saw millions of shells in camouflaged dumps, I can't give exact figures, but we've infinitely more shells ready for B.E.F. guns than were used by both sides throughout the Abyssinian and Spanish wars.

And bombs... It gives me a Blitzkrieg headache to think of them.

High explosive and incendiary bombs stacked in piles. Individual piles don't grow very big, because last time we had the bad habit of putting most of our high-explosive eggs in a few big baskets. Instead

of losing a few hundred tons if there was an accident, we lost thousands of tons. We've learned a lesson.

I saw our biggest dump. It is miles from anywhere and, like B.E.F. G.H.Q., in blitzkrieg-proof. It is scattered over thousands of acres of ground.

It receives ammunition from a distant port by various methods of transport. It is a small town in itself. Electric power plant of its own, fire-fighting department, small church, laboratory, and even its own newspaper (with illustrations).

The men with the most dangerous jobs work in the laboratory and repair shop. The first group examine shells and bombs periodically, much as a nurse takes a patient's temperature; the second group repair any damage done to them in transport.

High Explosive

Labour companies here are tough as lumber-jacks. Most of them come from the West Country. You should hear some of them talking French.

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They are an awkward shape, too. And talking about big things. They've at last got the B.E.F.'s biggest soldier into battle dress.

Weight twenty stone, girth fifty-four inches. Aged thirty-nine. He came over in civvies, and worked in those clothes for some time until he was spotted by Sir John Dill. Explanation given him was that there was nothing to fit him at the Army stores.

Sir John was cross, and gave orders that "Tiny" should be fitted, pronto. So "Tiny" went to a French tailor, who measured him for a battle dress.

He had no information whether a part of these materials was being resold to Germany.

Assurances Wanted

Mr. Geoffrey Mander suggested that the Government should obtain assurances on the point from America.

Mr. Cross pointed out that the United States was a neutral country. He did not feel that it would be our best course to make such a direct approach.

Mr. Mander recalled that negotiations were proceeding with a number of neutrals to prevent this kind of thing, and asked why the United States was excluded.

Mr. Cross said that the countries with which these negotiations were proceeding were subject to our contraband control, but there was no such sanction where the United States was concerned.

Relaxing Import Restrictions

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Following the recent understanding between Britain and France, the Board of Trade announced that they have arranged for a substantial relaxation in the restriction on imports from France.

LATE NEWS

A police inspector called at the home of Mrs. H. V. Sturgess, of Barton-court-avenue, Barton-on-Sea, Hampshire, recently saying that her son, Gordon Sturgess, was making inquiries about her son, Gordon Sturgess.

The Inspector shocked her by saying that her son was in custody on a charge of stealing a suitcase from a train at King's Cross Station.

Although she was sure that a mistake had been made, many hours passed before her anxieties were relieved.

The other side of the story was told at Clerkenwell Police Court when an unknown man, sentenced for the offence, was stated to have given three different names to the police, including Gordon Sturgess, who is serving as a gunner in an Anti-Aircraft battery in Hampshire.

"Ruthless And Brutal"

Mr. F. O. Langley, the magistrate, described the prisoner's conduct as "ruthless and brutal," and expressed the hope that the widest publicity would be given to clearing Mr. Sturgess' name.

Mrs. Sturgess described her hours of anxiety.

"When the inspector called here one Sunday night, saying that he had just been instructed from London to make inquiries about Gordon, it gave me the most terrible fright of my life," she said.

"I knew it could not be true, but the worry made me ill. Gordon had been home on Christmas leave and left on Saturday to return to his camp.

"I told the Inspector that there must be some mistake. I did not hear another thing all day on Christmas Day. Eventually I got in touch by telephone with Gordon at 10 o'clock on Christmas night, and he assured me that he knew nothing about it.

"I really did not need that assurance, because Gordon is such a steady-going boy, but it was a wonderful relief to hear from him. He rang up again and said that the police had seen him at his camp and had told him that someone had used his name.

Never His Address

"How, on earth Gordon's name should have been used I cannot understand. He worked for the American Tobacco Company at Southampton and lived there in rooms. It was not often that he could get home, so that this was never really his address. He was in the Territorials for two years and was called up at the outbreak of war.

"My husband is away in Bristol on war work and could not get home for Christmas, and, so far as I know, cannot have heard of this terrible business. I have written to him today telling about it."

"The magistrate was not exaggerating when he said that the man was ruthless and brutal. I have never heard of such a heartless thing. I am grateful to the magistrate and the police for the way they have undone the wrong this man did to my son."

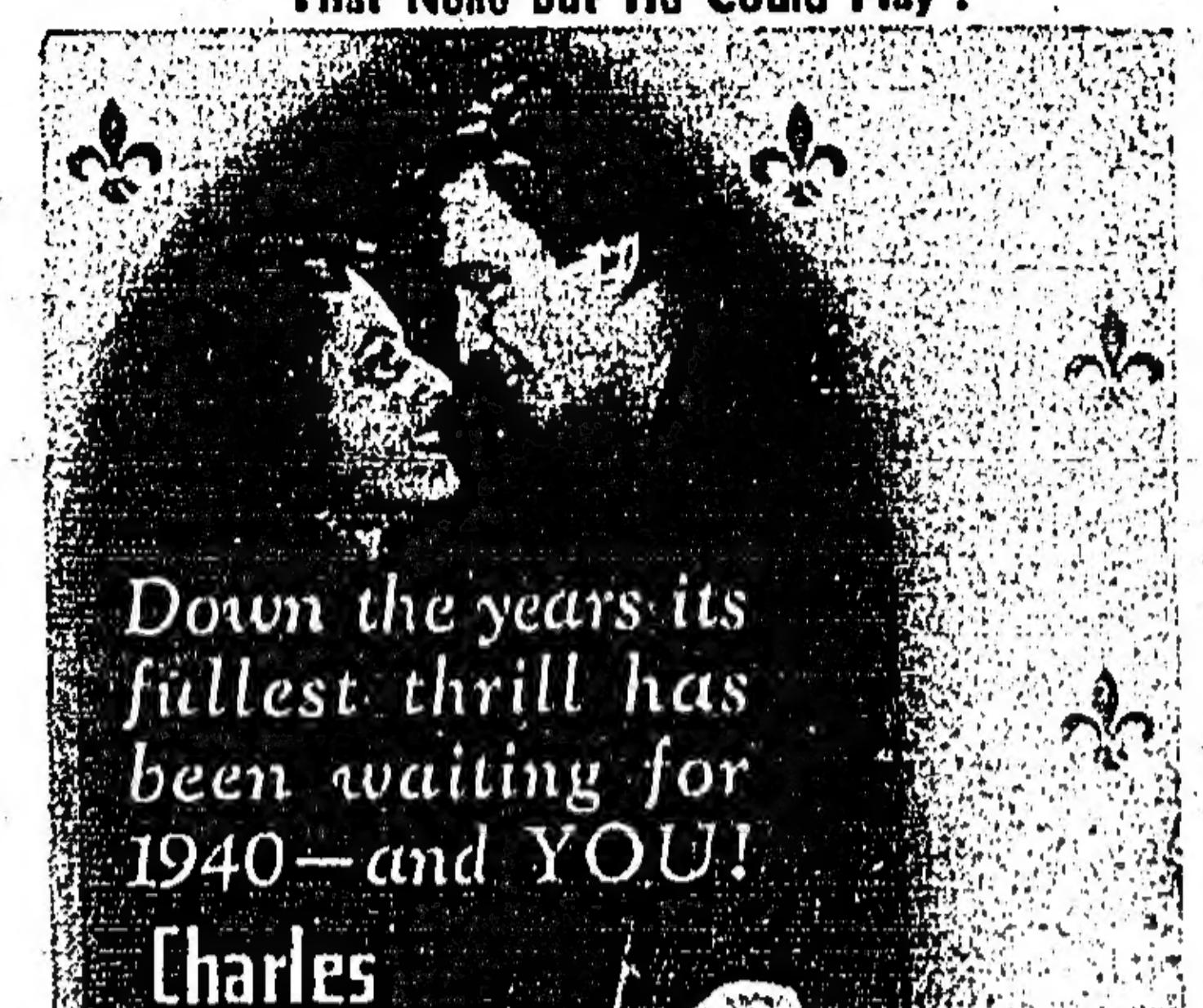
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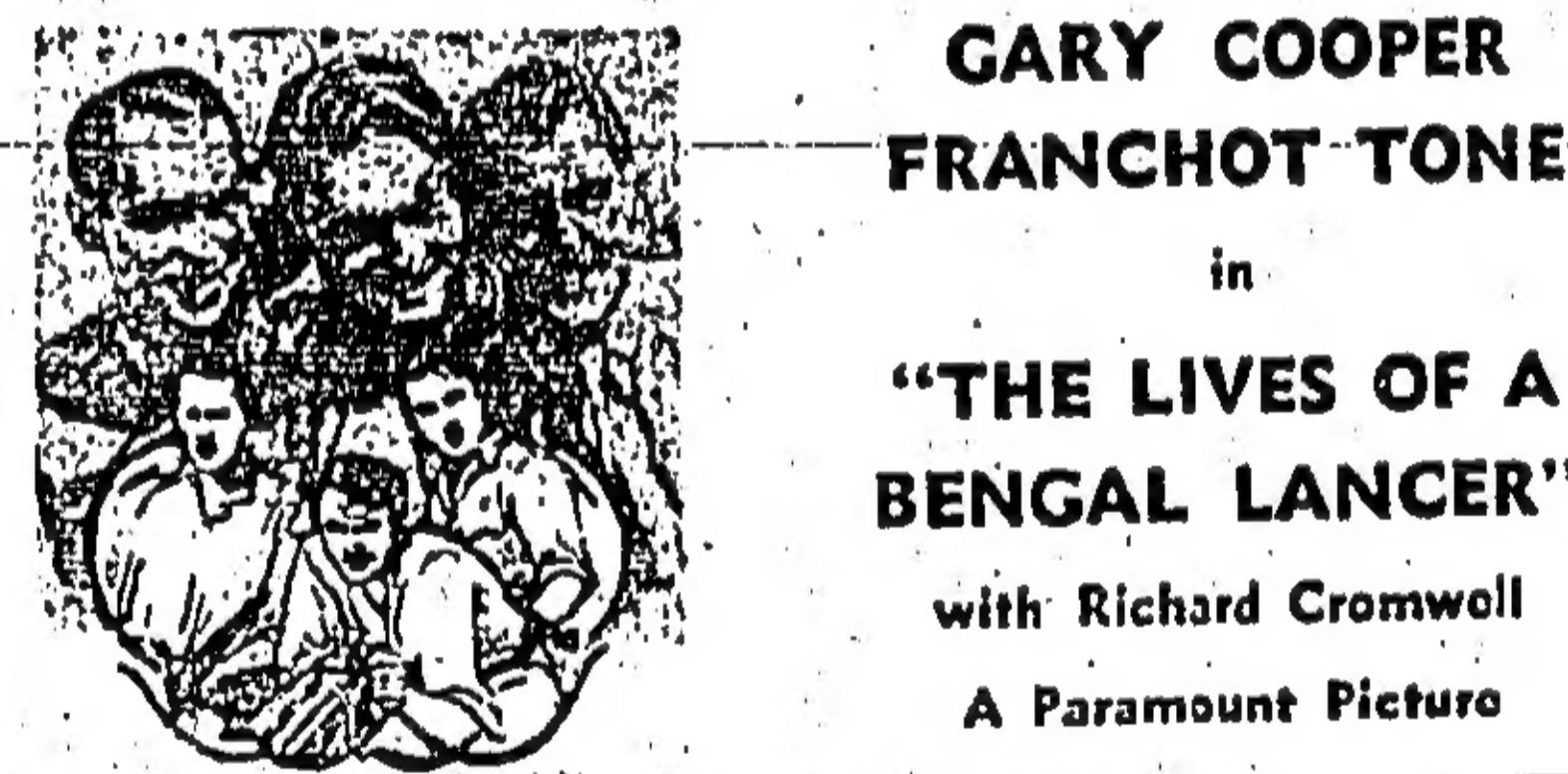
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HITLER WARNS RUMANIANS THEY MUST COME TO TERMS

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ISTANBUL, FEB. 28 (UP).—EVENTS ARE MOVING RAPIDLY IN THE BALKANS AND NEAR EAST AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT INCREASE IN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY.

TURKEY HAS SET THE PACE BY TAKING A DECISION WHICH IS REGARDED AS MOST OMINOUS.

The Co-ordination Committee of the Cabinet has issued an order to all vessels flying the Turkish flag, recalling them to Turkish ports.

At the same time, no Turkish vessels will be permitted to leave Turkish waters until further notice.

No official explanation of the decision has been given.

ITALIAN WARNING

A warning that Italy may be forced to enter the European conflict was made in Rome to-day by Signor Gayda, Editor of the "Giornale di Italia" and reputed to be Mussolini's mouthpiece.

In an exclusive interview with "United Press," Gayda said that Italy would enter the war if it spread to the Balkans.

"Danubian waters, as well as those of the Mediterranean, are the keys to Italian security," he said.

Italy fervently desired to prevent war and restore peace, he said, and indicated the belief that the Welles Mission might provide the foundation for peace talks at some distant date.

"But war in the Balkans will make it impossible for Italy to keep out, however much we desire peace," he declared.

HITLER'S DEMARCHE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Feb. 28 (Domei).—In a desperate last-minute effort to swing Rumania away from the Allies, Herr Hitler is authoritatively reported to have sent Rumania a demarche in which King Carol is offered a Non-Aggression Pact with Germany.

In return for "certain favours," Hitler will guarantee the security of the Rumanian frontier against aggression by Germany.

It is stated that Hitler has demanded that, as a measure of good faith, Rumania should demobilise the troops who were called to the Colours last week, and who will bring Rumania's Army up to a full war basis by next Friday.

FRANCO-RUMANIAN PACT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Feb. 28 (Domei).—Following closely upon King Carol's rejection of Hitler's demands for increased supplies of Rumanian raw materials and oils, Rumania and France are reported to have reached a secret agreement for promoting their trade relations.

The Rumanian economic mission which concluded the agreement returned to Bucharest to-day.

From members of the mission, it is understood that, in return from a Rumanian assurance that Rumania will adhere to her decision not to supply Germany with an increased quota of oil, France will supply to Rumania on long-range terms a large quantity of warplanes, machine-guns and other armaments.

It will be recalled that Dr. Clodius PLEASE Turn To Page 10.

HONGKONG BANK MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was held to-day.

Although other newspapers were supplied with copies of the Chairman's speech, the "Telegraph" representative was not accorded this privilege.

Under the circumstances, the "Telegraph" regrets that it is unable to publish details of the meeting.

BRITISH NAVY MAY BLOCKADE VLADIVOSTOK

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—It is officially announced that the British Government is considering the possibility of establishing Contraband Control around the Russian port of Vladivostok.

In making this announcement in the House of Commons last night, Mr. R. H. Cross, the Minister for Economic Warfare, said that Contraband Control would probably be extended to this area in order to prevent Russian imports from reaching Germany.

This announcement is interpreted here as indicating that friction between Soviet Russia and Britain has increased.

"The scheme will impose an additional task on the British Navy in the north Pacific," said Mr. Cross, in making the announcement.

Despite the orders for general evacuation, the Finns are still holding their lines before Viborg, despite increasingly heavy pressure.

The Russians are now entrenched in the outlying suburbs approximately six miles from the centre of the city.

They have moved up their heavy artillery in order to make the bombardment more effective.

Fresh Tragedy

Fresh tragedy has also overwhelmed the Finnish forces in the far north, where the Russians launched a mighty attack on Sunday.

After holding out for three days the Finnish forces have been compelled to evacuate Sackala, and have now retreated to their last lines of defence at Ilomantsi, where they have their backs to the Norwegian frontier and from where further retreat is impossible unless

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2 BRITONS FOR TRIAL

Kidnapped Men In Hands Of Gestapo

THE HAGUE, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—Major Stevens and Captain Best, the two British agents who were kidnapped at Venlo by the Gestapo last November, will be tried in a Berlin court early in March.

A German plumber, Herr Elser, who was arrested in connection with the Munich Beer Cellar explosion, will be tried in the same Court.

The Gestapo accuses the British agents of complicity in the Munich explosion.

Nazi Cancels Trip
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Feb. 28 (Domei).—In view of the latest developments in Rumania, Dr. Clodius, the German economist, has cancelled his proposed visit to Bucharest this morning.

It will be recalled that Dr. Clodius PLEASE Turn To Page 10.

Fails To Notify Departure

The summons against Leslie Archibald Lewis, of 517 The Park, for failing to give notice in writing to the Registration of Persons Office of his departure from the Colony on January 9, was adjourned sine die by Mr. Sheldon at Central Magistracy this morning.

A representative stated that Lewis was still in Chungking.

RED FLEET MOBILISED

Navy Commissar Orders Ships To Stations

MOSCOW, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—The Navy Commissar, Admiral Kutznetsov, has arrived at Murmansk.

He is reported to have ordered the Soviet fleet to take up positions along the waters of the whole Russian coast in the north.

The Commissar accuses the British agents of complicity in the Munich explosion.

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ROOSEVELT MAY EXTEND DEFENCES OF CANAL

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—Long-range defence of the Panama Canal required double the present number of planes and guns, President Roosevelt, who yesterday completed an inspection of the Canal, told a Press conference aboard the U.S. cruiser

Tuscaloosa.

The President said that the planes were needed in order to discover an attacking force at a greater distance than hitherto provided for.

Such a long-range programme envisaged defence operations extend-

ing, if necessary, throughout Central America and as far south as Ecuador, Columbia and Venezuela.

President Roosevelt now goes to Pensacola, Florida, aboard the

Tuscaloosa.

See Back Page For Further Late News

WARSHIPS DAMAGED

Nazi Mine And Torpedo Strike Battleships

MR. CHURCHILL revealed in the House of Commons yesterday that H.M.S. Nelson, one of the most powerful warships afloat, had been damaged by a magnetic mine.

H.M.S. Barham had been struck by a U-boat torpedo.

Both ships reached port without loss, and are now almost ready to re-join the Fleet.

(Full Story on Page Two.)

Britain To Buy Chilean Wool

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—The "Dow Jones" agency states that the Chilean Consulate General in New York has announced that the Chilean Exchange Control Commission and representatives of the British Government have signed an agreement whereby Britain will buy wool to the value of £800,000 in Chile.

The exchange balance thus created will be liquidated by the purchase of British merchandise.

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DEMON COOKERS and HEATERS (Kerosene). Clearing sale at Sander, Wieler & Co., in Liquidation, King's Building, 2nd Floor.

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POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAIL

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 17th February, Feb. 28.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 21st February, Feb. 28.

Canton, Straits and Saigon, Feb. 28.
Salon, Feb. 28.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 21st Feb., Feb. 28.

Manila, Feb. 29.

Japan and Shanghai, Feb. 29.

U.S.A. and Manilla (San Francisco date, 31st Jan.), Feb. 29.

Straits, Feb. 29.

Shanghai, U.S.A. date, Mar. 1.

Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai—(Vancouver B.C. date, 10th Feb.)

Haiphong, Hohow and Fort Bayard Mar. 1.

OUTWARD MAIL

Wednesday, Feb. 28.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 7th March.

K. P. O.

Reg. Feb. 28, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 28, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O.

Reg. Feb. 28, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 28, 7.00 p.m.

Straits Thursday, Feb. 29.

Manila, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 13th March.
K.P.O.

Reg. March 29, 2.45 p.m.
Ord. March 29, 3.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

Reg. March 29, 2.45 p.m.
Ord. March 29, 3.30 p.m.

Port Bayard 13th p.m.

Haiphong 2.20 p.m.
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.

Amoy 7 p.m.

Friday, March 1.

Canton 7.15 a.m.

Haiphong 10 a.m.

Japan 10.30 a.m.

Parcels only for Ceylon 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai 2.30 p.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 28th March.

G.P.O. & K.P.O.

Reg. 2.45 pm.
Ord. 3.30 pm.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Egypt and London Parcels only—due London 13th April.

K.P.O.

Parcels Mar. 1, 3 p.m.
Reg. Mar. 1, 5 p.m.

Ord. Mar. 1, 7 p.m.

G.P.O.

Parcels Mar. 1, 3 p.m.
Reg. Mar. 1, 5 p.m.

Ord. Mar. 1, 7 p.m.

Manila Saturday, March 2.

Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 21st March.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Parcels Mar. 2, 6 p.m.

Reg. Mar. 4, 8.45 a.m.

Ord. Mar. 4, 9.30 a.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

THE TAIPAO RURAL HOME AND ORPHANAGE
13½ Milestone, Taipo.

The Orphanage will be formally opened on Saturday, 2nd March, 1940.

HIS Excellency The Governor will perform the Opening Ceremony at 3.30 p.m.

All are cordially welcome.

Buses will leave the Peninsula Hotel for Taipo at 2.00 and 2.15 p.m. and will return at 4.30 and 4.45 p.m.

Reservations must be booked beforehand at the Hongkong or Peninsula Hotel where tickets are obtainable at \$1 per Return Trip.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 21st March, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March, 1940, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & CO. LTD.
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NOTICE

Owing to the drastic increase in the cost of raw materials and freight, the undersigned are reluctantly compelled to increase the price of Beer by \$2.50 per case of 48 quarts or 72 pints, effective 23rd February, 1940.

EWO BEER:—Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Managers:

Ewo Brewery Co.,

Shanghai.

H.B. BEER:—H. Rutledge & Sons,

Managers:

Hongkong Brewery & Distillery Ltd.

Hong Kong.

U.B. BEER:—W. R. Loxley & Co.,

(China) Ltd.

Sole Agents:

Union Brewery Ltd.

Shanghai.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1940.

NOTICE

As from to-day beer bottles bearing the Trademarks of the undersigned, will be redeemed at:

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Shanghai.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1940.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

Any one knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. General Secretary, H.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall.

The Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor.

The Inspector, 82 Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd Floor.

The Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.

The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Bringing Cargo from Dunkirk via Haliphong.

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

Delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:

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"14. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,

By SOMERSET MAUGHAM

WHEN I went to see Monsieur Dautry to thank him for enabling me to visit the French munition factories, I ventured to ask him whether he thought flesh and blood could stand the long hours of labour, day after day, which he was demanding of the workers.

He said he was well aware that men could not be expected indefinitely to continue to work with such intensity, but in the tragic emergency he felt that he could ask them without hurt to themselves to persevere for a few months; then he added: "For every hundred thousand men Britain sends over a hundred thousand men now at the front can be released to work in my factories. That will give me 800,000 more hours of work a week and that means an hour's work less a day for 800,000 men."

Monsieur Dautry is Minister of Armaments. He is not a politician, but an engineer and a great organiser.

It was he who reduced to order the confusion of the French State railways and characteristic stories are told of his efficiency, his indefatigability and his determination.

He is a small man, with a sallow face and decided features, a thick head of graying hair and an eye of piercing brightness.

He gives you an impression of enormous energy; he is untiring and appears able to do without sleep or rest.

He himself made out for me a programme to enable me to visit factories to get an impression of the effort France was making to supply the troops with all the material needed.



I FIRST visited a sugar factory almost on the bank of the Rhine and so near the advanced posts of the enemy that it was well within range of a big machine gun; but, except that the women were evacuated, work was proceeding as quietly as in peace-time.

I saw also a factory which in peace-time produces woolen goods, and under-linen, but now is busily turning out shirts, socks and pull-overs for the troops. It is within range of a not very heavy gun. I think at least three hundred women must have been occupied there, but the only indication I could discover that they felt themselves to be working under peculiar conditions was that the permanent wave of a good many seemed to be wearing a trifle thin.

I went to a foundry which is actually in front of the Maginot Line. Women and children have been evacuated, shelters

LOWER L.C.C. RATES

3d. In Pound Decrease Recommended

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—The London County Council will probably lower the rates next year.

The Council's Finance Committee has recommended a decrease of 3d. in the pound.

The rate paid in London will then be 7 shillings 3d. with an additional special rate of 3d.

The Council announces, however, that it will not be cutting down on social services nor will it give up the housing and other schemes put in hand before war broke out.

No Spanish Copper Ore For Nazis

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, answering a question, said that according to his information no copper ore shipped from Spain since the outbreak of war had reached Germany.

Goods could be shipped from Spain without passing through the area of British or French control.

JAPANESE STRIKE CHINESE POLICE

Only Doing Their Duty Says Spokesman

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TIENTSIN, Feb. 27 (UPI).—Asked why Japanese sentries occasionally struck French Chinese policemen passing through the barriers under the existing Polco exchange agreement, a Japanese military spokesman stated this afternoon that the Japanese sentries were only doing their duties.

It might not be possibly known, he said, that Japanese sentries would not permit foreigners entering the French Concession to bring in large quantities of baggage, stating that it was necessary to fill in a form. However, no such official form exists.

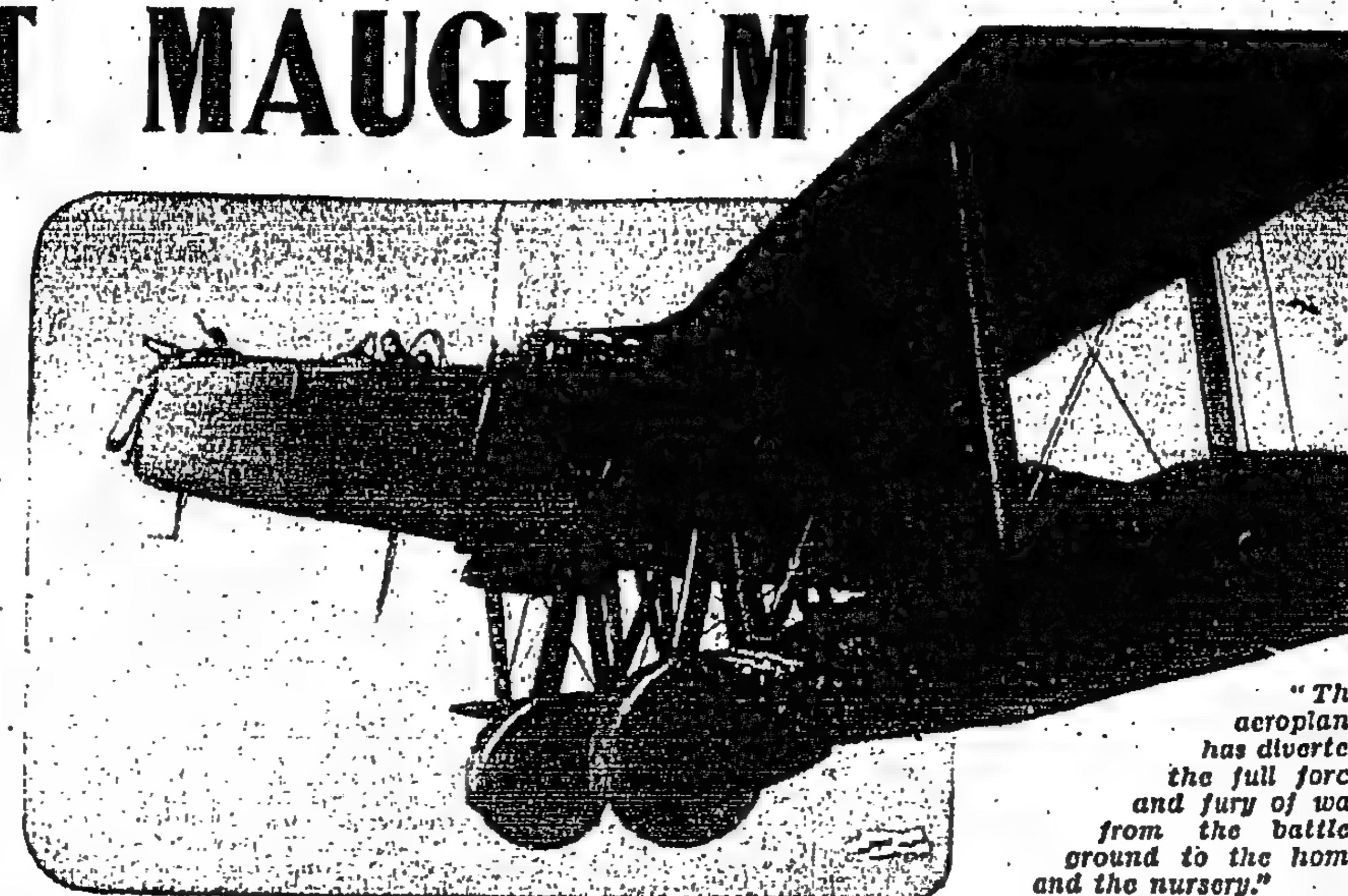
A local rumour that the barriers would be lifted next month cannot be confirmed.

Dorsetshire In American Waters

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 27 (Reuters).

The British cruiser Dorsetshire, which was expected here this morning for supplies and fuel, is not arriving to-day after all.

The festivities which had been ar-



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GUNS, And Still More Guns!

have been built in case of air raids; and arrangements have been made to remove essential parts, should the Germans advance, so that it would take them the better part of a year to get the factory working again.

The steel manufactured is shipped away every night so that they would find at best only the produce of one day's work.

I think what most struck me in those works, employing now hard on two thousand men, was the sense of emptiness. In a vast shed where work was going on at full blast there was only a handful of men and they seemed to be there merely to supervise the almost human, the strangely purposeful, activity of the machines which pressed and cut and carried the huge ingots of red hot steel.

IT was a very different impression I got when I visited various factories in the neighbourhood of Pairs, where in one I saw the manufacture of armoured cars, in another of shells—in a third of aeroplane guns; in these and others which it would be tedious to enumerate, the crowded workers, the serried rows of machines, gave one the feeling of an intense, a fierce but regulated animation.

One thing that struck me was the pains that are taken to make the powerful and yet wonderfully manageable tanks as spick and span as a private car.

Every part is quite exquisitely finished. The machines that are used for the manufacture of all these lethal weapons are miracles of ingenuity. They work automatically so that the man in charge has little more to do than to keep a watchful eye. They have the elegance of perfect adaptation to their use.

I could quite understand that the workmen took pride in, even fell in love with, this beautiful instrument, so spruce and clean, that could do such delicate and accurate work. Machines are arriving from America with regularity. I saw one huge hall where last February there was but one automatic machine and where now there are one hundred and fifty.

WHEN you visit one of the government factories where they make heavy guns and big



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shells, you find everything, spacious...

The machines needed to bore those huge steel rods, to manufacture those tremendous carriages, are so enormous that you have none of the crowded effect of other factories.

The din is not so terrific and although work is incessant, going on night and day, day after day, for seven days a week, there is an odd effect of dignified leisure. Everything is on a gigantic scale. These monsters, looking ridiculously like the toy guns made for children, take six months to make, and in the factory I saw they produced two a week.

I spent one morning at a powder factory. From the moment you enter one of the many small buildings

Relaxing Import Restrictions

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).

Following the recent understanding between Britain and France, the Board of Trade announced that they have arranged for a substantial relaxation in the restriction on imports from France.

you are made aware that danger is close; at the gateway your matches and lighter are taken from you; and so that you may be preserved from temptation you are asked to give up your cigarettes. The workmen wear wooden sabots in case of a nail in a leather sole should strike a spark on the concrete floor. They wear black overalls which are fire-proofed, and this uniform sombreness gives them a kind of mystery.

I saw the whole process of manufacture, from the white cotton flock saturated with ether and alcohol that looks so innocent, to the final operation which is so dangerous that only two men are allowed together into the shed where it is performed, and there is a trench full of water within a few feet of the doors so that if there is a fire they should immediately plunge in.

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**Pajala Raid
Proved**

**Photographs Reveal
Extent Of Damage**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINGFORS, Feb. 27 (UP).—The morning newspapers here-to-day published photographs showing the damage done by Russian bombs from the air to the town of Pajala.

The photographs show huge craters, a badly wrecked workshop and a building completely destroyed except for the chimney.

The editorials in the newspapers state that the bombing of Pajala was a practical lesson on what Sweden may expect from Russia.

95 Civilians Killed

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 27 (UPI).—The result of Soviet air raids in the first fortnight of February shows that 95 civilians were killed and 134 injured.

**DEATH PENALTY
APPEAL FAILS**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Feb. 27 (UP).—The British Full Court to-day dismissed the appeal of Private Eckford of the Seaforth Highlanders against the death sentence passed on him for the murder of Lance-Cpl. Davis.

The appeal was based on the claim that the trial judge, Sir Alan Mossop, had failed properly to instruct the jury.

Eckford's attorney, Mr. K. E. Newman, addressed the Court for an hour and 40 minutes.

**U.S. Exports
To Reds**

**Shipments Being Sent
Via Vladivostok**

London, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Answering suggestions made at question time in the House of Commons that American shipments of tin, oil, and rubber to Vladivostok might be finding their way to Germany, Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, said that he was aware that shipments of tin and rubber from America to Russia had increased in the past few months, but shipments of petroleum appeared to have decreased.

He had no information whether a part of these materials was being resold to Germany.

Assurances Wanted

Mr. Geoffrey Mander suggested that the Government should obtain assurances on the point from America.

Mr. Cross pointed out that the United States was a neutral country. He did not feel that it would be our best course to make such a direct approach.

Mr. Mander recalled that negotiations were proceeding with a number of neutrals to prevent this kind of thing, and asked why the United States was excluded.

**Depreciation Of
& Denied**

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LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons today, denied that Britain had devalued her currency at the beginning of the war in order to stimulate exports.

"It was considered wise to allow the pound to fall to a rate which represented its true economic value," he said.

**Driest Jan-
Feb. For
22 Years**
**Less Than Half An
Inch Of Rain**

Only ten times during the past 66 years has the total rainfall during January and February of any one year been less than one inch.

This year, unless there is a heavy fall of rain between now and 10 a.m. on Friday, will be the eleventh time that the two months have yielded below an inch of rain.

In fact, at the present moment, the last two months have been the driest for 22 years. To date, only thirty-three points of an inch have been recorded by the Royal Observatory since January 1.

In 1918 the total rainfall for the two months amounted to .025 of an inch, which is an all-time record.

The average rainfall for the two months is three inches.

Driest Winter Ever

Although rain on January 15 spoilt the chances of December-January 1939-40 creating a new drought record, it can be said that a new record for lack of rain has been established during the past three months.

While the winter of 1909-10 set a drought record of 60 days, once that was broken quite heavily rain fell. This also happened after the 50 day drought of 1919-20.

This year, however, the break of the drought after 49 days did not bring any rainfall, and since January 15, rain has been recorded on five days only, namely, February 1, nineteen points of an inch, Feb. 14, one point, the 18th five points, the 20th one point and the 21st five points.

The Royal Observatory gives no hint of any break in the present fine spell of weather, to-day's local forecast being: north-east winds, moderate; fair.

**U.S. Exports
To Europe**

**Small Increase To
Allies Noted**

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Mr. Ronald Cross was questioned in the House of Commons to-day regarding American exports to Europe, and was asked whether he was aware that in the last four months American exports to 13 European countries rose in value from £35,000,000 to £32,000,000 while, in the same time, American values to England and France only increased from £60,000-000 to £67,000,000.

Mr. Cross declared that he had not checked these figures, but even if they were accurate it did not follow that any action on the part of the Government was required.

No Serious Leakage

He had no reason to suspect that there was any serious leakage as far as the European countries were concerned, and he had no reason to object if neutrals should obtain their requirements from the United States rather than Germany.

Mr. Cross added that with the exception of exports to Russia via Vladivostok all exports in question passed through the control and were most carefully watched.

**Mr. Roosevelt
And The Pope**

**Message Talks Of
Common Ideal**

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt, in a message to the Pope concerning the appointment of Mr. Myron C. Taylor, says: "I should be very happy to know that he will form the focus for all views which Your Holiness and I may desire to exchange in the interest of concord between the peoples of the world."

"I have asked Mr. Taylor to give my cordial greetings to Your Holiness in the sincere hope that our common ideal of religion and humanity may show itself in a common path for the re-establishment of a more durable peace founded on liberty and security, and the life and integrity of all nations under the protection of God."

**U.S. Envoy Received
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 27 (Domestic).—Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal representative, was received by Pope Pius XII at the Holy See this morning.

Mr. Taylor presented President Roosevelt's personal message and his credentials to His Holiness. The interview lasted about 40 minutes.

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**SHANGHAI
TRADE**
**Big Improvement
In January**

SHANGHAI, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Foreign trade in January totalled \$4,904,271, comprising imports of £2,463,890 and exports of £2,440,881.

The latter was higher by approximately £8,000 than in January, 1937, when the dollar stood at 1s. 2½d. while the import surplus in January totalled of £22,500 compares with the import surplus of £28,338 in December.

Commenting on the trade position in relation to the exchange rates, "Finance and Commerce" states: "The strength of the dollar must ultimately depend upon the merchandise of supply and demand. As is well-known, the weakness of exchange rates has been most largely due to the tremendous demand made by the excessive import of raw materials and necessities from abroad."

The One Big Hope

"So far, there has been nothing to put against the great part of this demand, but if from now onward exports can be maintained on the January scale or improved upon it, alarms and predictions of disaster will soon subside."

Referring to partial liquidation of the overseas position which has provided the bulk of selling in the local market in the past week, the "Finance and Commerce" remarks: "There can be no doubt that this source of supply is now becoming most attenuated indeed. Exports, therefore, are urgently needed to fill the gap."

**Trade With
Japan**

**Questions Asked In
House Of Commons**

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Miss Wilkinson asked Sir Andrew Duncan, the President of the Board of Trade, regarding the arrangement recently made with the Japanese Government providing for the import of 350,000-dozen pairs of stockings and a large quantity of other textiles from Japan.

Sir Andrew replied that there had been for some years an agreement between British and Japanese hosiery manufacturers for the limitation of exports of Japanese hosiery to the United Kingdom. This agreement was renewed in January and with the agreement, the British hosiery industry imports licensing restrictions were since relaxed so as to allow the limited import of cheap Japanese hosiery of a kind not made here in quantities sufficient to meet the demand.

Exports Agreement

Miss Wilkinson asked whether in view of our position as regards unemployment and food supplies, it was necessary to arrange for the import of silk stockings in war time.

Sir Andrew replied that there was likewise a need for export trade and it was made quite clear to the Japanese Government that the continuation of this concession depends on their attitude to the admission of British woolen hosiery to Japan.

Mr. Thorne (Labour): "The more trade we do with the Japanese they more they can hammer away at the Chinese."

**Soviets' War
Materials**

**Query Raised In The
House Of Commons**

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Russian import of war material was the subject of a question in the House of Commons to-day by Rear-Admiral Beanish.

Replying, Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, stated Russian imports of war material, except from Germany, appeared to have been considerably reduced in recent months.

Imports of certain raw material, including rubber, copper and molybdenum, during the period between September and January, were however larger than during the same period of 1937-38.

These imports entered the Soviet Union at Vladivostok and came from the United States directly, or through Mexico, from the Philippines and from the Dutch Indies.

Ships employed appeared mainly to Soviet, Dutch, Japanese and Norwegian.

These ships did not pass through British contraband controls.

**PLANE CRASHES:
12 KILLED**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (UP).—Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, assured a questioner in the House of Commons to-day that currency depreciation would not be resorted to as a means of stimulating export trade by giving an unreasonably competitive exchange advantage.

**To Protect
Seamen From
War Dangers**
**Chamber Of Shipping's
Recommendations**

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Life-saving jackets which a crew could wear at work, and the provision of rafts for all on board were among the recommendations made by the British Chamber of Shipping to its members as safety measures to meet the danger of ships being torpedoed or mined.

This is revealed in the annual report of the Chamber of Shipping.

Other recommendations included the provision of illumination on rafts and on an increased number of lifebuoys, alternative lighting on ships and electric torches for members of the crew.

Higher Running Costs

The report dealt with the increased running costs for shipping, pointing out that a deep sea tramp steamer of about 9,000 tons would, in April, 1939, have cost £35 per day to run, £48 per day in September, 1939, and £51 per day in January, 1940.

A vessel which would have cost £100,000 to build in 1938 cost £120,000 immediately before the war and would cost £160,000 to-day.

The report points out that there is not a single shipbuilding yard idle in this country. Foreign competition, so far from diminishing, was being greatly strengthened.

Under the first step towards maintaining British shipping, says the report, there must be a strengthening of the financial position of the industry during the war in order that it might be able to compete with foreign shipping after the war.

**No Re-Export
To Reich**

**How Britain's War
Trade Pacts Operate**

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The aims of British war trade agreements were outlined by Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, in the House of Commons to-day in reply to a question by Miss Ward whether the Government, in any agreements concluded or under negotiations with neutral governments, had consented to the continuation of re-export to Germany by the neutral countries concerned.

Mr. Cross in reply stated that war trade agreements generally aimed at securing guarantees against the re-export of contraband goods to Germany with machinery for their enforcement, thus facilitating the operation of our contraband control and at the same time enabling the neutral countries concerned to maintain their domestic economy.

Belligerent Rights
Mr. Cross emphasised that there was nothing in the agreements which prevented us from exercising our full belligerent rights in respect of any engagements in regard to which we had evidence of an enemy destination.

There had been no substantial difficulty in securing that the machinery in neutral countries for preventing the re-export to Germany of their overseas imports, especially foodstuffs and raw materials, should be operated in a manner satisfactory to us.

With regard to goods which these countries produced themselves, the countries concerned usually stipulated that such goods might be expected to both belligerents on a second-time level.

Cases where a neutral country had a manufacturing industry depending on imports of raw materials were most difficult to deal with, and our aim in the case of important commodities had been by agreement to prevent entirely, or restrict to trifling quantities, exports of such manufactures to Germany.

Five minutes after obtaining her divorce, Miss Best married Nat Wolff, a theatrical agent.

Not to be outdone, Herbert Marshall has now eloped with Miss Elizabeth Roberta Brandt, a Hollywood actress who was formerly a model.

They have been married in Las Vegas.

Miss Brandt is Marshall's third wife. He divorced Molle Matland, his first mate, in order to marry Edna Best.

Marshall served with the B.E.F. during the Great War and was wounded in action in France.

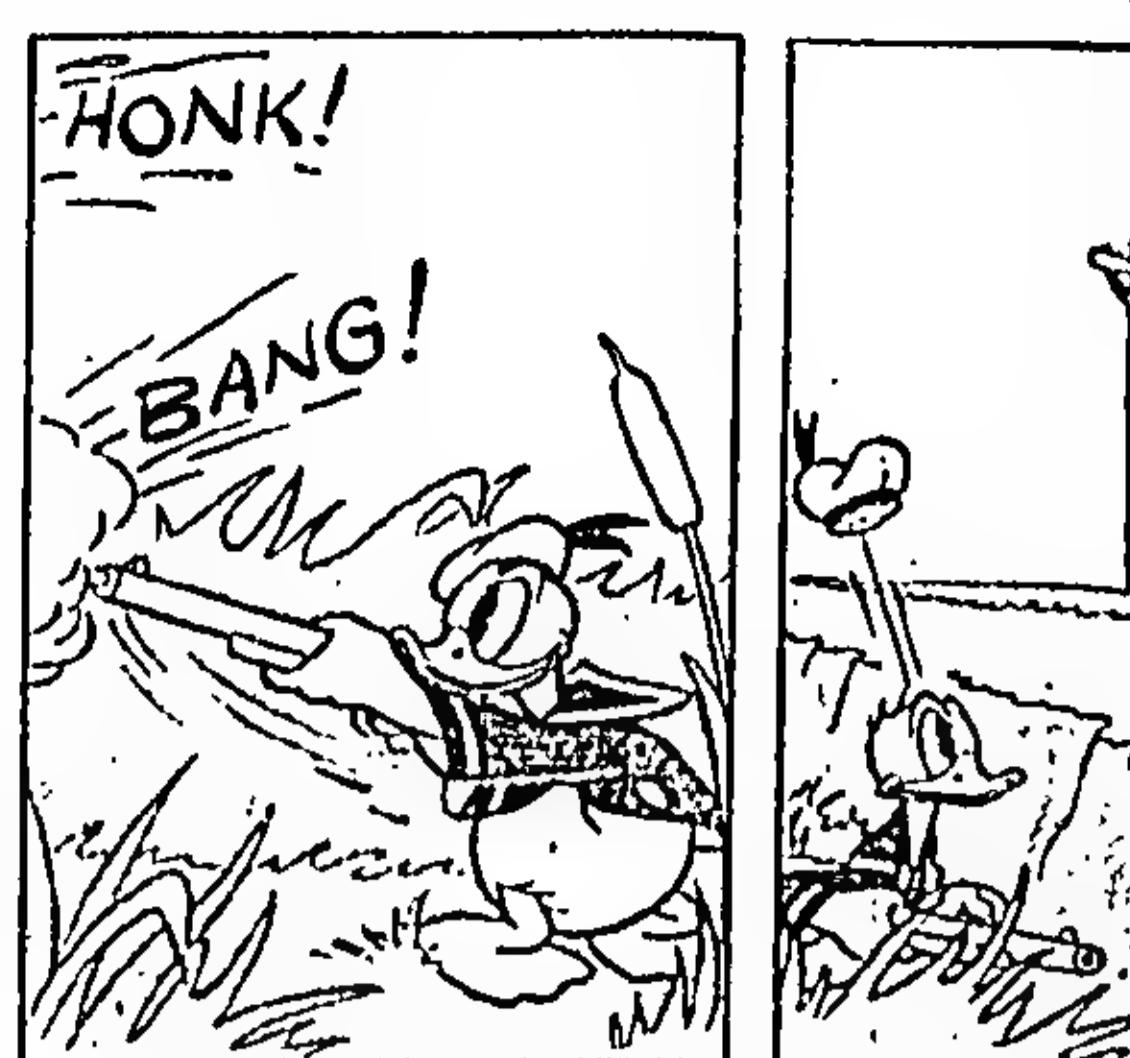
Sub-Inspector Moreton prosecuted.

**Stricken Soldier
In Hospital**

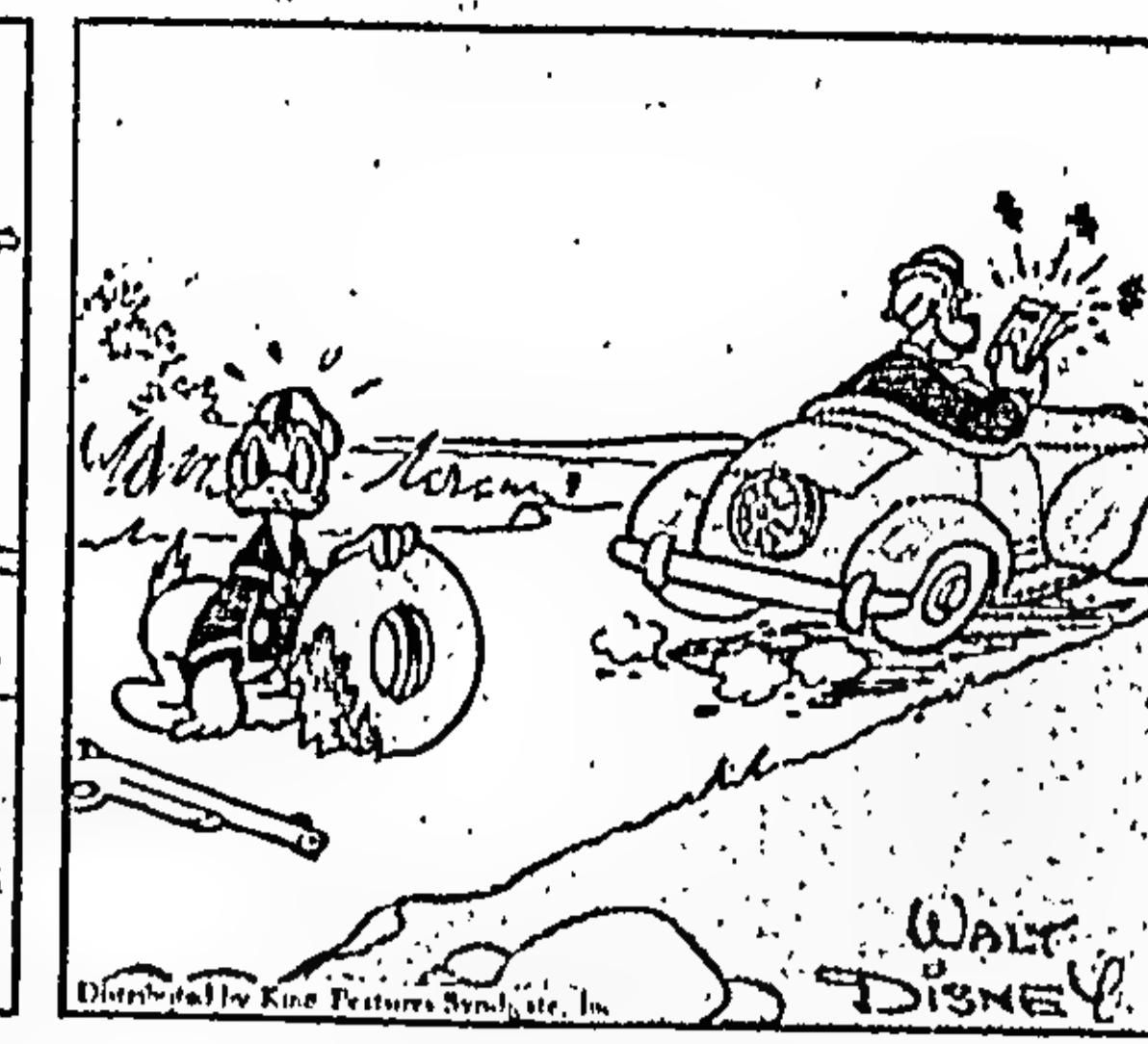
Owing to a misunderstanding, it was inadvertently reported yesterday that Private Crulckshanks, of the Royal Scots Regiment, died on the way to Kowloon Hospital after he was found by a Chinese constable late the Y.M.C.A. in Salisbury Road, on Monday evening. Pic. Crulckshanks is still in hospital undergoing treatment.

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Scapa Flow Abandoned As British Naval Anchorage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—The Admiralty has abandoned Scapa Flow as a naval base.

The great inland harbour off the northern coast of Scotland, which was believed impregnable to attack from the sea in the last war, will no longer provide refuge for British warships.

Decision to abandon the base was made after a Nazi submarine succeeded in entering the land-locked harbour and torpedoing H.M.S. Royal Oak as she lay at anchor.

The announcement of the Admiralty's decision to withdraw warships from Scapa Flow was made by Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons last night.

Graveyard Of German Navy

It is presumed that the decision was made by the Admiralty owing to the uncertainty of its value as protection for the fleet from either aerial or submarine attack.

Scapa Flow, in addition to providing the British Fleet with a safe anchorage in the last war, is the graveyard of the old Imperial German Navy. It was here that Germany first practised the art of scuttling.

Mr. Churchill revealed that Scapa Flow had not been used as a naval anchorage since the torpedoing there of H.M.S. Royal Oak.

He admitted that Scapa was the Royal Navy's best strategic base.

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12.30 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the London Palladium Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Dance Music by Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

1.45 Variety with Clapham and Dwyer. The Duncan Sisters, "Hush," and Others.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Compositions of Bach—Prelude and Fugue, No. 17, in F Major; Evelyn Howard-Jones (Piano); Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 in B Flat Major; Sir Henry Wood and His Symphony Orchestra; The Heart I Ask From Thee, Love, My Spirit Was In Heavenless, Lotte Leonard (Soprano) with Harpsichord, Organ and Violin; Sonata No. 3 in E, Isolde Menges and Harold Samuel (Violin and Piano).

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Vocal Selections by The Kentucky Minstrels.

7.00 London Relay—"The Last Flight of the Revenge"—A Feature Programme.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 A Short Sibelius Programme.

—Karelia Suite, Op. 11, London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Walter Goehr; Finlandia by Jean Sibelius; Mote, Marian Anderson (Contralto) with Piano accomp. Sung in Swedish.

8.15 Studio—A Latvian Programme by Harry Ore at the Piano.

8.45 Studio—"Some Great Authors"—Burke.—The third of a series of talks by Father Ryan, s.j.

9.05 Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler.

—Indian Lament; Slavonic Dance No. 3 in G Major, with Piano accomp. by Carl Lomson.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 Kitty Masters, Harold Ramson, and Stan Holloway in Variety.

10.00 Half an hour of Dance Music.

10.30 London Relay—"The Turning of the Worm" or "In The Rough Again."

11.00 Close Down.



R.A.F.'s "House To House Canvass"

In Leaflet Raid Over Berlin

DRAMATIC FLIGHTS OVER NAZI CITIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—It has been officially announced that two German bombing planes were brought down to-day.

One was shot down by a Royal Air Force fighting plane from the Command patrol off the mouth of the Firth of Forth shortly before 1 p.m., while a second was shot down by a R.A.F. plane off the coast of Northumberland.

Three members of the German plane's crew were seen to take to a rubber boat.

R.A.F. Flights Into Germany

Intense air activity has resulted in the reported loss of two German bombers off the British coast, and of one of possibly two R.A.F. planes during a reconnaissance flight over the Heligoland Bight.

The R.A.F. pushed deeply into Germany and the Nazi pilots flew over France in a sudden spurt of air action which extended over the fighting fronts.

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Underwriters SATISFIED

NAZIS TO BE RELEASED

NINE OF the twenty-one Germans who were removed from the N.Y.K. liner Asama Maru last month and who are now interned in Hongkong are to be returned to Japan tomorrow.

The nine men will be taken to Japan in a British vessel, and will be handed over to the Japanese authorities at a spot off Yokohama.

An official communiqué to this effect was issued by the naval authorities in Hongkong this morning. The communiqué stated:

"It is expected that on February 29 nine German nationals who were recently taken from the Asama Maru by a British warship will be returned to the Japanese authorities.

"They are to be brought from Hongkong in a British vessel and handed over off Yokohama to representatives of the Japanese Government."

It was announced in Tokyo yesterday that arrangements for the transfer of the nine Germans had been completed at a final conference between the British Ambassador and the Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Quote Lower Rates For Convoyed Ships

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The confidence of Marine Insurance circles in the convoy system is illustrated in the rates quoted in London.

Up to Wednesday last week, only 21 of the 10,765 ships convoyed were lost, improving on the previous figure of one in 500.

Underwriters in London now quote for single voyages in European waters—unescorted ships, 80 shillings per £100; convoyed ships, 60 shillings per £100.

The comparative kindness of the Nazis to Italian and Japanese ships is also reflected in the fact that the underwriters quote lower rates for ships of these countries than they do for others.

Fighting For Better World

"You who are preparing to do so know that you will be fighting to realise the prospects that there will be a better world afterwards.

"The issue of the present conflict will profoundly affect the whole future of mankind.

"Fascist doctrine, as interpreted by the Nazi creed is sheer primitive nonsense.

"We are no more prepared to admit Germany's superiority as a race than we are concerned in asserting our own.

"If that were all, it would not greatly matter.

"But when this doctrine is invoked in justification for the oppression of other races, it becomes a crime against humanity.

"The true pride of a race may be tested by the behaviour of its passengers towards their own fellow-citizens and others.

Civilisation Betrayed

"The German race, under its present rulers, is betraying both itself and the greater civilisation of which it is a part. It is betraying those to whom its progress might and should make a distinctive contribution.

"The real tragedy of that betrayal, as it affects German youth, is the enlistment of instincts of self-sacrifice and devotion in the service creeds.

"Unless and until these false creeds are adored and repudiated by wider tolerance they must continue to excite and arouse resistance.

"The youth of Germany has been deliberately deprived of the elements of true justice.

"Their viewpoint stands in stark opposition to yours. There seems to be an impenetrable barrier dividing them from you. This barrier, somehow, must be broken down."

Swedish Ship Rammed

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Seven sailors of the Swedish steamer Nordia, 1,316 tons, which is stated to have been accidentally rammed and sunk in darkness off the Norwegian coast, have been landed at a Scottish port by a British warship. Two men are missing.

Collided With Submarine

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Further news of the sinking of the Swedish steamer Nordia, reveals that she sprang a serious leak as the result of a collision with a submarine.

The crew managed to keep her afloat with pumps until within sight of the Norwegian coast when the ship was half-submerged. The crew were taken off by a Danish steamer.

The submarine's periscope was torn off but her ultimate fate is unknown.

Such new definitions have at least the merit of throwing light on German policy.

The meaning of aggression has suffered strange changes. Thus Germans were not the aggressors in Poland. The Allies were the aggressors for trying to thwart that attack.

They Have One Merit

When she destroyed Czechoslovakia, Germany was only defending herself against her victim.

The partition of Poland was merely an act of self defence. The Poles, by resisting, were the aggressors.

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The Istanbul paper, "Yenisebah," says: "Mr. Chamberlain's speech was sincere as always. It was moderate in tone, but this was not due to fear, as Britain is stronger militarily and politically than at the outbreak of war."

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Seven Big Battleships Near Completion, Churchill Reveals In House of Commons

BIG ARMADA OF NEW SHIPS FOR BRITAIN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—The British Navy will shortly be reinforced by seven of the most powerful battleships in the world.

All are nearing completion and, it is believed, one has already been commissioned.

Two of these battleships, the Lion and the Tenerife, will be bigger than the 42,000-ton battle cruiser Hood, which at present is the largest warship afloat.

16-in. Guns

They were both laid down early last year and are now being rushed to completion. They will probably be armed with 16-in. guns.

In addition to these two monsters, in the House of Commons that five battleships of the King George V class are now nearing completion.

They are the King George V, the Anson, the Jellicoe, the Prince of Wales and the Bently.

Each has a displacement of 35,000 tons—larger than either the Rodney or the Nelson. They will probably be equipped with ten 14-in. guns.

16-in. Armour Plating

It was officially announced that the designs of these ships would include enhanced defence against air attack, including an improved distribution of deck and side armour and more elaborate sub-division. Unofficial reports have placed the weight of armour as over 14,000 tons, with a water-line thickness of 16 inches.

All five ships were laid down in 1937, and two were launched before the outbreak of war in September last.

It is believed that all five have now been launched. The original pre-war construction plans envisaged the commissioning of the King George V and Prince of Wales—the two ships launched before the outbreak of war—sometime this year. The remaining three were to have been commissioned in 1941. Doubtless, this programme has been speeded up.

Very Small Losses

Against this total tonnage of 225,000 tons, which does not include the innumerable cruisers, destroyers and other craft already commissioned since the outbreak of war, or the hundreds of thousands of tons under completion, Britain's total warship losses, including five destroyers, in the first six months of warfare has amounted to no more than 63,000 tons.

"This is only half the tonnage we lost in the first six months of the last war," said Mr. Churchill last night.

CAUSTIC COMMENT

Hitler "Policy Seen In True Light"

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The Ankara paper, "Ulus," says that the classical meaning of neutrality is modified by Germany, which deems that neutrality is violated if any State declines to sell to her goods at her prices, or accept the restrictions of the contraband control, or combine to preserve their independence in short, unless they serve the aims of her foreign policy.

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The Minesweepers

There is no branch of the services to which the thoughts of an island people turn with more anxiety and gratitude than to the men who man the little ships that strive to keep the waters clear for the sea-borne traffic on which our existence depends.

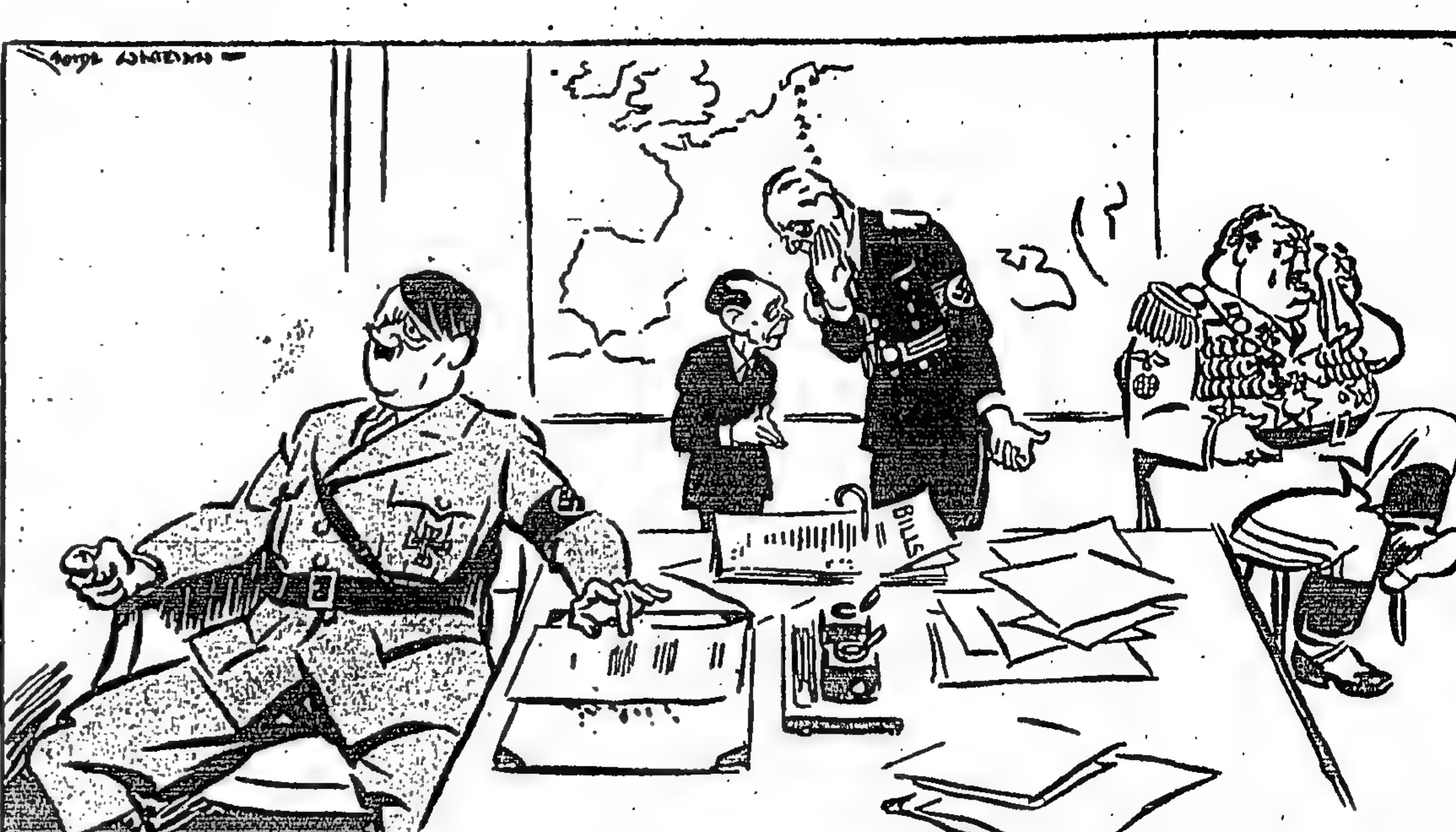
Kipling did justice to the minesweepers in the last war in that rousing song that Elgar set to music:

Mines reported in the fairway,
Warn all traffic and detain:
Send up Unity, Claribel, Assyrian,
Stormcock and Golden Gull.

It is vital to the safety of Britain that our fishermen should be willing in time of war to bring to the hazardous business of our defence the skill and endurance that give them a poor enough return in time of peace, and they have never been found wanting.

To-day their task is pursued without ceasing in the face of risks unknown before, for to the rage of winter storms and the menace of mine and torpedo is added the threat of attack from the air.

The sailor knows, and the landsman can well guess, what fortitude is needed for the work and what hardship it entails, yet among all the organisations for lightening the lot of this or that branch of the services none deals with the crews of the coastal craft that are so often in our minds. At least the monotony and anxiety of cramped quarters and constant peril can be lightened by the provision of wireless sets and of facilities for such games as can be played on board.



Goebbels: "What's wrong with Hermann?"

Ribbenklop: "The Führer has just broken it to him that his medals must be melted down for munitions."

First time up, in charge of a bomber

by J. STUBBS-WALKER

ALMOST every day now you hear about those far-away things that the men of the Royal Air Force are doing. Outlandish feats of courage and endurance in a world about which you probably know little.

There is, in-the-air, a splash-of-modern adventure which tingles the exploits of the war pilots with a glamour difficult to find in the mud-drenched fields of France and Germany.

Yet it is more than likely that many of them, twelve months ago, had never flown an aeroplane.

Our learner has been training on the ground for weeks before he flies, and if his hands and feet lack the necessary delicacy of touch, his brain has at least grasped the elements of flying.

And these are not so difficult.

The first time that you are taught to fly you are shown just where everything is. In a primary training machine, it is all surprisingly simple: feet on rudder pedals, right-hand holding the joystick—gently—and the left hovering near the control for the throttle.

So simple—you think—that you cannot go wrong. Until, after he has explained it all, your instructor tells you to take over the controls.

And then you begin really to learn how to fly....

IN that training plane in which you make your first mistakes — two large dials show your height and your speed. A smaller dial shows the number of revolutions being made per minute by the engine. Another registers the engine oil pressure.

Probably, too, there is a pale green tube of glass, slightly curved and with a bubble floating in it. It shows you when the machine is level, laterally.

Compare the simplicity of that cockpit with the pilot's seat in a modern twin-engined machine. His controls are very nearly the same—a joy-stick (we call it a control-column these days) and rudder pedals.

But before him is a board containing the most impressive array of instruments imaginable. Anything from 20 to 30 dials register such obscure things as engine boost-pressure, oxygen supply,

and keep it at the right pressure, otherwise, and without warning, he is likely to collapse at his controls.

If he is bombing, it may be his responsibility to sight the target they are attacking, and either drop the bomb himself or give the instructions to one of his crew.

If he is fighting, he must control his own forward-firing guns, sighting them through a ring-sight before his face, and remembering to manoeuvre into every possible position to give his rear gunner a chance to get in bursts of fire whenever possible.

He must dodge anti-aircraft shells, never get lost, look for cloud cover that may shield him from attack, and last of all, in the event of disaster, he must give every member of his crew the chance to get away before he himself leaps.

A job for a man; much more a job for a man of real intelligence and cool reasoning.

A year ago, after he stepped from the simple plane in which he had made his first solo flight, he probably told himself that, though he had mastered the first step, he would never have the nerve to fly one of those vast £20,000-or-more death-carrying.

But he has.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I think the old bear is weakening! He used to give me five seconds to get out—now he gives me ten!"

NAVAL CONTROL

By Admiral
Sir R. Bacon

ONE of the most important factors in the successful waging of war is the exercise of common sense. Closely allied to this is the necessity for all services and individuals to subordinate both personal and corporate considerations to the furtherance of the war.

During my period of command of the Dover Patrol in the Great War the advisability of concentrating all the coast defences under one single head became indelibly stamped on my mind.

The situation at Dover so far as coastal defence was concerned became almost impossible. The gun defences were under military control, the gunners had had no practical training in the recognition of the differences between our own and enemy vessels. The fishermen who manned our trawlers and drifters were unaccustomed to paying meticulous attention to written orders, so that it was more by good fortune than anything else that regrettable incidents were avoided.

I QUOTE this old experience to show the evils of divided command. The common-sense solution of the impasse was to put the batteries under my orders; not because I was an Admiral, or wished to grab units under the command of some other authority, but because I and my chief of the staff were the only persons at Dover who possessed accurate knowledge as to when an enemy's vessel might or might not be expected, and also the general disposition of our own vessels.

So far as the air service was concerned, the whole of the air force at Dover and Dunkirk was under my command, with the result that everything went like clockwork. The aeroplanes and seaplanes worked with the monitors when we bombarded the dockyard at Ostend or the locks at Zeebrugge.

The pilots and their commanding officer came over to Dover when necessary, and I explained to them exactly what I proposed to do and what I wished them to do. Consequently there was never any doubt on their part, nor had the orders to be transmitted through a third party, to the saving of staff work and the avoidance of possible errors and confusion.

The question of supply and maintenance of the coastal aircraft is a separate matter. To tamper with existing arrangements might well, in war-time, lead to confusion, but there can be no tactical reason why, as was the case at Dover, the coastal aircraft should not be under the control of the man who has direct knowledge of the position and work of the surface and submarine craft.

In the present war coastal protection has been complicated by seaplanes laying parachute mines. This intensifies the necessity for a close relationship between the patrolling aircraft and the minesweeping organisation. Lastly, the hour is fast approaching when Germany will hurl a volcanic attack of aeroplanes, seaplanes, mining craft and surface craft in one intensive week of attempted destruction and demoralisation of our defences. Heaven help our coastal defence if it falls between the stools of divided control. Obviously there can be no tactical or strategical reason for divorcing the coastal aircraft from the naval command. If so, why do so? I fear it looks very like the old story of the amour propre of one portion of our armed forces being offended and a dislike of a command being curtailed.

Mr. Churchill Reveals Navy's Preparations In Striking Speech

FIGHTING THE MAGNETIC MINE: HEAVY TOLL TAKEN OF U-BOATS

NEUTRAL PRESS CRITICISED IN FORCEFUL SPEECH

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—The powerfully reinforced British Navy is ready to "beat down" all Nazi attacks, declared Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons to-day, when he also hinted that Britain might take a sterner stand towards neutral European nations.

Almost in the same breath he announced additions to the Fleet designed to resist aerial and U-boat attacks.

He admitted that Scapa Flow has been abandoned as a naval base, presumably owing to the uncertainty of its protection, despite its strategic and other values.

He admitted that the old "wonder ship" H.M.S. Nelson (33,000 tons), which was built in 1923, has been damaged by a mine.

However, she reached port under her own power and will shortly rejoin the fleet, he declared.

Vast Confidence

The First Lord's speech was one of vast confidence. It detailed the great efforts being made to build up the British Navy to defend the newer and greater German attacks on Britain's sea power which are expected soon.

The speech emphasised the British determination to carry on the war against Nazi leadership. It continually expressed confidence in victory—at a time when Mr. Welles is preparing to confer with Hitler in Berlin this week.

Now Battleships

Mr. Churchill put emphasis on the new battleships which will soon join the fleet and said the Allied blockade is working satisfactorily.

"The Straits of Dover are closed and sealed, and the Northern Patrol is being maintained by a strongly supported cordon from Scotland to Greenland," he said.

He explained that the blockade could be tightened still further but that Britain desired to "strike a balance" and not to harm friendly neutrals.

Lost Over 35 U-Boats

He said Germany had lost half of her 70 U-boats by the end of December and expressed the opinion that they are able to build ten new U-boats in three months.

Britain, he said, has started building a large number of naval craft designed to destroy U-boats faster than they can be constructed.

He added that the Admiralty has issued "thousands of guns of all sorts and sizes" to the British merchant and fishing fleets for protection against attacks from German planes.

In addition "immense preparations" have been made to meet Nazi attacks at sea, and Britain "now sees its way of mastering the German system of laying magnetic mines."

In conclusion, Mr. Churchill said Britain expects "perhaps in the near future" further and greater attacks on British sea power.

Cheers For Churchill

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, was received with cheers when he rose to speak on the Naval Estimates.

"I come on behalf of the Navy," he said, "to ask for a few men, some ships and a little money (laughter) to enable them to carry on their work."

Mr. Churchill's offer to money referred to £100,000 token grant representing an amount running into many millions but which is undefined. Mr. Churchill continued, "There has grown up a much wider comprehension of the certainty that mistakes will be made both at Whitehall and on the sea water and that however hard we try the painful drain of losses will be sustained."

"This will only make us more zealous to discharge our task and to give satisfaction and win approval by producing good results."

Not Expedient

"I regret it is not expedient to give the House the precise facts and figures regarding the proposed strength and cost of the Navy but there is no need to tell the enemy more than is good for him about what we are doing" (laughter).

Mr. Churchill said that by the end of 1939, Germany had lost from all causes, at least half their U-boats, namely 35. He doubted very much whether even ten fresh U-boats came into action in that period.

In the last two days, he said, there had been one certain and two almost certain U-boat sinkings.

Clear Warning

Mr. Churchill said, "So far the Navy has borne the main weight of the war. If at any time in the future it becomes apparent that we have got the upper hand in an even more marked and decisive form than that at present, I shall be the first to propose a review of our resources and requirements; but attacks will be delivered upon our seapower, by which we live on and which we all depend on, on a far greater scale than anything which we have so far beaten back or beaten down."

Referring to the U-boat campaign, Mr. Churchill said: "I was in error



MR. CHURCHILL

able to descend to any new level of cruelty and disgrace.

"I suppose the House realises that Hitler and his Nazis have quite definitely exceeded the worst villainies which Imperial Germany committed during the last war. (cheers)."

"One of the most extraordinary things I have ever known in my experience is the way in which the German illegalities, atrocities and brutalities are coming to be accepted as if they were part of the ordinary day-to-day conditions of war (cheers)."

Criticises Neutral Press

"Why does the neutral press make more fuss when I make a speech telling them what is their duty than they have done when hundreds of their ships have been sunk (cheers) and over a thousand of their sailors have been drowned or murdered—that is the right word—on the open seas."

"Apparently, according to the present doctrine of the neutral states probably endorsed by the Government, Germany is to gain one set of advantages by breaking all the rules and committing foul outrages and then go on and gain another set of advantages through insisting, whenever it suits her, upon the widest interpretation of the International Code which has torn to pieces."

"It is not at all odd that His Majesty's Government is getting rather tired of it. (cheers)."

Getting Tired Of It

"I am getting rather tired of it myself (laughter). For my part I can say without hesitation that in the interpretation of the rules and conventions affecting neutrals, humanity rather than legal podarity must be our chief guide. (cheers) and judging from the Almansk episode this seems to be the opinion not only of the British nation but of the civilised world."

Referring to battleships, Mr. Churchill said, "If we had not got at the present time an unquestionable superiority in battleships, Germany's heavy cruisers would come out into the Atlantic Ocean and, without fear of being brought to account, would be able to obstruct. If not to arrest, the whole of the enormous trade without which they could not live. (cheers)."

"They might make temporary bases in different quarters of the globe and they might establish themselves in positions where we could have no means whatever of attacking them. In this way they would soon bring about our mortal ruin."

Ready For Anything.

"Happily we have a far greater strength in capital ships than the enemy and if at any time they break out as they may do we are always ready to meet them with much larger forces and bring them to battle and destroy them as we did in the isolated case of the Graf Spee."

"Without a superior battle fleet we could not exercise any command of the sea nor even keep ourselves alive with food."

Referring to battleships, Mr. Churchill said, "If during the last war Britain had to keep always ready 30 to 40 battleships with attendant squadrons and flotillas to fight a main battle at any time, Mr. Churchill said, "Now this preoccupation has been diminished. The enemy have only two really big ships and cannot attempt to form a line of battle."

"We have at least three if not four lines of battle not one of which the enemy could face in an engagement."

"Therefore we are able to dispose of our ships much more widely and, at the same time, to keep ample forces always at sea ready to engage the enemy's principal vessels should the present situation arise."

"Upon this fact depends the whole of our sea control."

Better Equipped

Mr. Churchill mentioned that the new warships which Britain was building were capable of standing up to aerial bombing and were far better adapted to under-water explosions than anything they had to day.

"Thousands of guns of all sorts and sizes are being issued to our merchant and fishing fleets."

"The Nazis have resorted by saying this entitles them to break all conventions which they have already broken many times over. (laughter)."

"They may be, of course, able to apply their methods on a larger scale but they have not for some time been

less fifteen years old, had been damaged by a magnetic mine but would soon be rejoining the Fleet.

"This secret of which many thousands of people were necessarily aware was very well kept." Mr. Churchill observed amidst laughter, "and has only just leaked out into Germany after it has ceased to have any importance."

"Apart from H.M.S. Royal Oak and H.M.S. Courageous no other large ships have been damaged or sunk since the outbreak of war during the very difficult winter months," he said.

Referring to the fact that the ships both great and small had been at sea more continuously than was ever done or dreamed of in any previous war since the introduction of steam, Mr. Churchill said that since H.M.S. Royal Oak was sunk we had not used Scapa Flow which was, of course, our best strategic base.

Glowing Tribute

Mr. Churchill paid a glowing tribute to the engineering branch of the Royal Navy for the fact that even ships with old engines had steamed 90 days or more out of the first 119 days of war.

There was, added Mr. Churchill, very little doubt that the whole of the North Sea system of contraband control would become far more efficient as the forces increased and the long nights turned into long days and as the summer weather enabled amphibian aircraft to range constantly over the whole area.

There would be no difficulty from a naval point of view in making the blockade more severe but no one could neglect the serious character of political decisions which were dictated by relations with foreign countries.

A balance had to be struck between the full efficiency of the naval control and the hardship it might inflict on friendly neutrals.

After the first six months of war, he said, we lost 63,000 tons of warships or about half the losses of the first month of the last war.

We had lost on a balance of gain and losses less than 200,000 tons of merchant shipping out of a total of 20,000,000. This could be compared with 450,000 lost in a single day of the deadly month of April 1917. We had captured more cargoes in tonnage destined for the enemy than we had lost, he concluded.

French Sink U-Boat

PARIS, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the torpedo boat Simoun, sank a U-boat off Cape Finisterre.

Navy Votes Passed

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The House of Commons has agreed to the Navy votes for men and money.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

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25 YEARS AGO Feb. 28, 1916.

America's famous inventor, Mr. Edison, has just given his impressions of the war to a New York correspondent. "The Germans," he said, "are a great people commercially, industrially, agriculturally, but they have been brought up in an atmosphere of egotism. Every town, every country, every person is so oriented to the military caste, and I think the sooner this system is ended the better for the German people."

The King has instituted a new Decoration entitled "The Military Cross."

It consists of a Cross of silver having a central cross with the letters G.H. in the bearing in the centre the letters G.H. It is ordained that no person shall be eligible for this Decoration nor be nominated thereto unless he is a Captain, a Commissioned Officer of a lower grade, or a Warrant Officer in the Army, or the Indian or Colonial Military Forces.

10 YEARS AGO Feb. 28, 1926.

To mark the 80th birthday of President Masaryk, which occurs on March 7, the Czech Parliament has voted him a personal gift of over \$120,000. President Masaryk was the son of a coachman and a peasant, and was an employee of a Vienna locksmith. He is the first President of the Republic.

5 YEARS AGO Feb. 28, 1931.

The U.S. Navy Department has disclosed that Pan-American Airways has asked for permission to use Midway and Wake Islands, in the Hawaiian group, as an intermediate point for experimental trans-Pacific flight bases.

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Gland Discovery Restores Youth In 24 Hours

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Foreign Planes Over Holland

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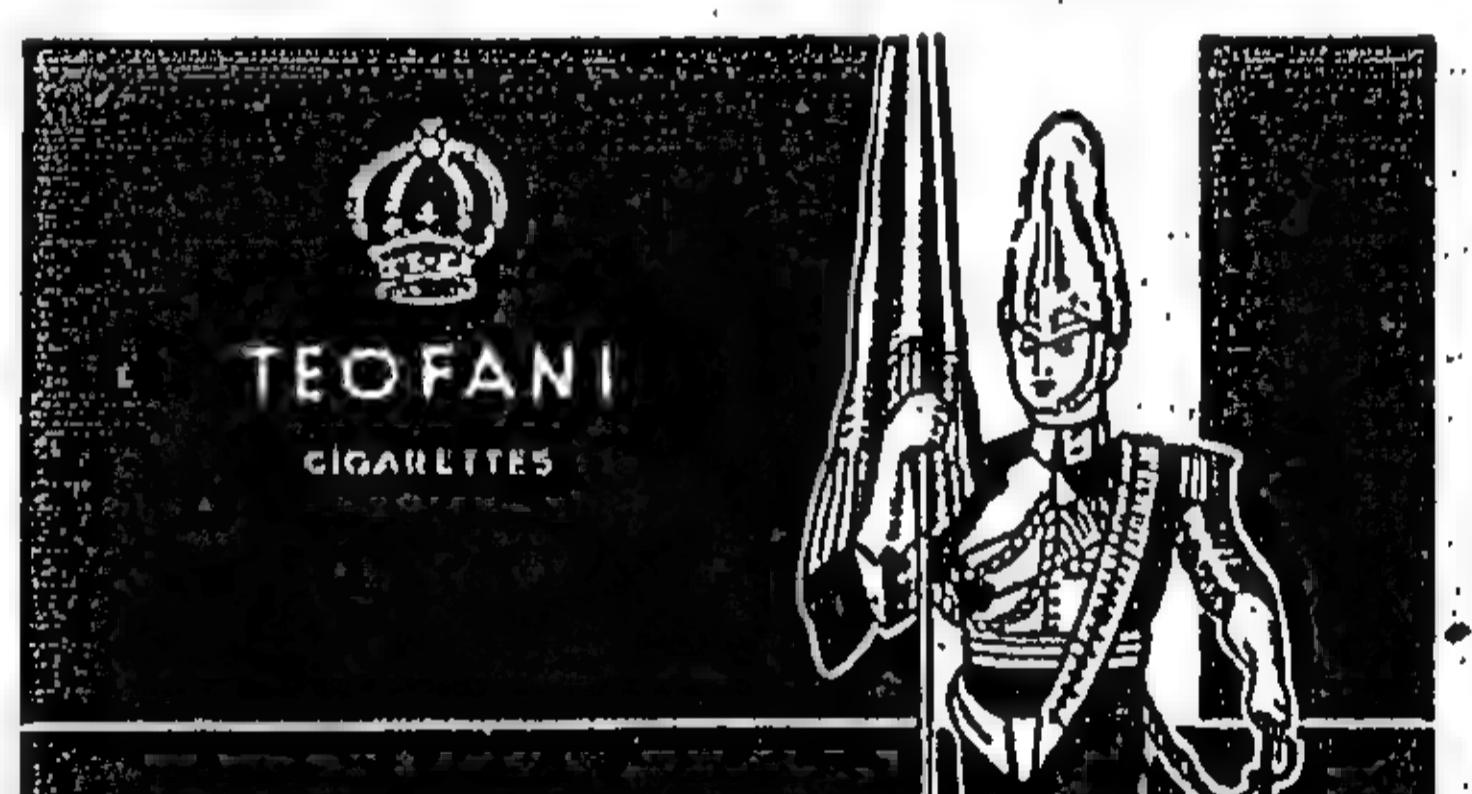
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To Fight For Senator's Wife Seeks Divorce

"Teddy" Roosevelt's Son Enlists

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

LONDON, Feb. 28, (UP).—Kermit Roosevelt, the son of the late President Theodore Roosevelt of the U.S., is reported to be en route to Finland.

He refuses to discuss the grounds upon which she is basing her appeal.

Senator and Mrs. Nye, formerly

Miss Anna Margaret Munro,

were married in 1910, when Senator Nye was editor and manager of the "Daily Plain Dealer."

They have three children, Marjorie,

THOSE "MISERABLE" GREAT FEATS WITH BROKEN DOWN PUTTERS RECALLED

If past history can be relied upon, it would seem that expensive putters have not always inspired their wielders with confidence, writes L. B. Stanley in "The Field." Often the contrary has proved to be the case. Time and again, for instance, we find that an armoury of the finest matched clubs includes a rusty old hickory putter whose days of active service look as if they had ended with the guttie ball.

The presence of this ugly duckling is interesting. It shows how men who base their play upon the strictest scientific lines sometimes become almost superstitious in this most vital department of the game.

Here is an example. While spending an enjoyable afternoon in the Dollymount Club I noticed a small figure on the home green practising hard at putting. It proved to be Paddy Mahon who not so very long ago was listed with the second best average of the British professionals. This intensive activity, I was informed, was due to recent indifferent performances on the greens.

Mahon confirmed this later. He declared that his putting touch seemed temporarily to desert him, but he had at last found a cure; he had changed his putter. Upon handling the club in question my first impressions were that it might be used for almost anything except putting. The grip had gone, and the shaft was hopelessly warped, yet Mahon used this club throughout his championship and undeniably recaptured his cunning on the greens. Truly, faith is wonderful thing.

BOUGHT FROM CADDY

A similar case occurred at Troon last year. I was talking to Charles Yates, the eventual winner of the championship, and observed that his putter looked somewhat the worse for wear. He agreed, and went on to say that it had belonged to a friend who had died three years before. He had left his clubs to his caddy, but Yates had bought the putter for one dollar and a quarter. An invaluable investment, so he declared, as through it he had gained Walker Cup recognition. No idle claim, for this battered club played a decisive

LIKE A MAN BEWITCHED

Putting has never been the strongest feature of Alliss's game, yet in this tournament he charmed the ball into the hole like a man bewitched. Nothing was too difficult, and every putt was struck with deadly accuracy. The secret of this phenomenal display was simple. Just before the event Alliss borrowed quite an ordinary putter from the Secretary and obtained such remarkable results with it on the greens that, christening it "Black Magic," he "putted" his way to victory.

This putter, however, is not the first to have inspired Alliss; in fact, I should think he must have quite a collection by now. I remember him showing me a putter in the Open of the previous year which he was confident would solve all his problems. In appearance it bore a distinct resemblance to Mahon's club, but was, if anything, one degree worse. The clubhead was loose and, when it came into contact with the ball, emitted a disturbing cracked sound. Most golfers would have hesitated to have used it at all, yet Alliss contrived to wield it throughout that championship.

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Seven-A-Side Rugger Tournament

Entries for the annual Rugby Football Seven-a-side Tournament are now coming in and it is anticipated that 20 teams will compete of whom about 10 will represent various Army Units.

The Royal Navy are not at their usual numerical strength this year, but will be able to enter at least two good sevens. Other teams will be drawn from Hongkong Police, who are the present holders of the Trophy, R.N.V.R., Civil Service, R.A.F., Hongkong Bank, Butterfield and Swire and Rest of the Club.

The tournament will be held as usual on the Club ground, at Happy Valley, the preliminary rounds being played on Monday and Wednesday, March 11 and 13, at 4.30 p.m. and the final on Saturday, March 16.

Proceeds this year will be devoted to the British War Organisation Fund, and it is hoped that there will be more than the usual strong support for the Tournament on this account.

His Excellency the Governor is giving his support to the Tournament and will be present at the final, and has kindly consented to present to the winning team the Blarney Stone Shield, the trophy for which the tournament is played.

GOLF CLUBS

Lightweights Livened British Boxing In 1939

Not many years have produced so few British championship contests as 1939. The best boxing was provided by the lightweights.

Big tournament met with mixed financial success. The Harvey-McAvoy and Phillips-Doyle bill at White City drew the largest crowd ever known at a boxing show in England. At the other extreme failure of John Henry Lewis to defend his world light-heavyweight title cost Wembley a lot of money.

This Week's Football Fixtures

Following is the League football programme for this week:

To-Day

FIRST DIVISION
Royal Scots v Middlesex (Stockunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION
R.A.S.C. v Engineers (Stockunpoo, 3 p.m.)

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION
S. China "A" v Middlesex (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)

Royal Scots v Kwong Wah (Stockunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)

Police v St. Joseph's (Boundary Road, 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION "A"

Club v 8th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

International v Royal Scots (Military, 4.30 p.m.)

24th R.A. v R.A.S.C. (St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)

12th R.A. v Engineers (Stanley, 4.30 p.m.)

5th R.A. v Kumans (Stockunpoo, 3 p.m.)

South China v Electric (Caroline Hill, 3 p.m.)

Signals v R.A.M.C. (Military, 3 p.m.)

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION

S. China "B" v Kowloon (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)

Club v Eastern (Club, 4.30 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

South China v Engineers (Caroline Hill, 3 p.m.)

Tennis

DRAW FOR COLONY'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

The draw for the Colony tennis championships, organised by the Hongkong Cricket Club, was made yesterday and resulted as follows:

OPEN SINGLES

Byes into second round—S. A. Rumjahn v. B. H. Fay; S. Leung v. S. A. Gray; Kuk Ho Kong v. O. Rumjahn; Lam Kwan v. J. W. Leonard; H. D. Rumjahn v. Firdos Khan.

First round—Maryland Ma v. E. Zulaf; H. D. Ho v. A. R. Kitchell; Paul Kong v. Li, J. S. Theobald; W. C. Hunt v. T. C. Chan; Ho, H. S. Hussain v. Chan Kwong-lun; Ben Louis v. O. Umaran; F. Y. F. Y. T. Gould; L. G. Pearce v. Peter Ut; T. A. Pearce v. Wong Hok-nang; R. G. Biessell Jr. v. J. R. Turner; Y. C. Lau v. Welton.

Byes into second round—M. Pash; Tendu Kwok v. I. M. A. Razack; A. Crawford v. Ip Koon-hung; Pang Ol-jam v. Lee Huan; Leung Ping-chiu v. J. Gonzales; I. Agustion v. Tui Wal-pui.

OPEN DOUBLES

Byes into second round—S. A. Rumjahn v. Tui Wal-pui; S. A. Rumjahn and O. Rumjahn; Dewi Shing-cheong and Ip Koon-hung; V. A. R. Kitchell and I. M. A. Razack.

First round—T. and B. Asturoff v. Wong Fook-sim and Lam Kwan; Wong Hok-nang and Lee Chi-man v. T. C. Menghai and T. G. Goh; Goh Kwee and W. K. Headrios v. Ng Kam-chuen and Tsoi Ping-fan; Paul Kong and B. Szeto v. Ho Ka-lan and Lee Yue-wing; E. C. Fletcher and W. C. Hunt v. Ip Koon-hung and Lam Kwan; J. R. Hyde and J. Ferguson; T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay v. T. C. Chan and Maryland Ma; H. D. Rumjahn and B. W. Liang v. Li, J. S. Theobald and S. G. Farhad.

Byes into second round—Pang Ol-jam and Leung Ping-chiu v. J. Gonzales and Peter Ut; Ip Koon-hung and Lee Huan; Leung Ping-chiu and J. Leonard v. S. A. Gray and H. D. Rumjahn.

Kowloon Junior School Annual Sports

The annual sports meeting of the Kowloon Junior School will be held on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground to-morrow morning, commencing at 10 a.m. Mrs. J. R. Higgs will present the prizes.

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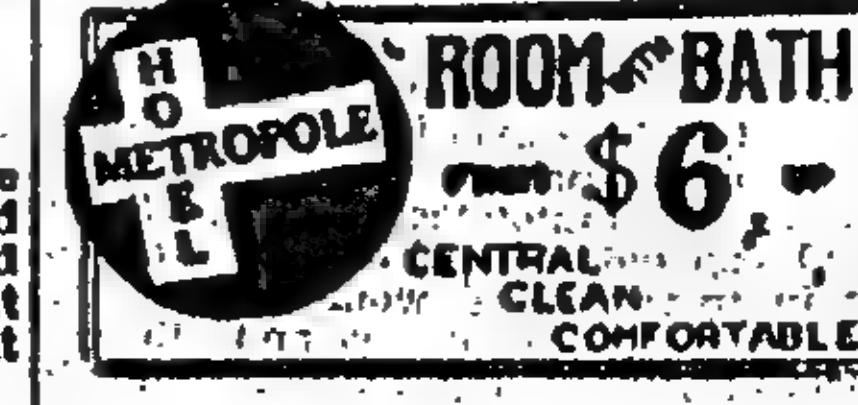
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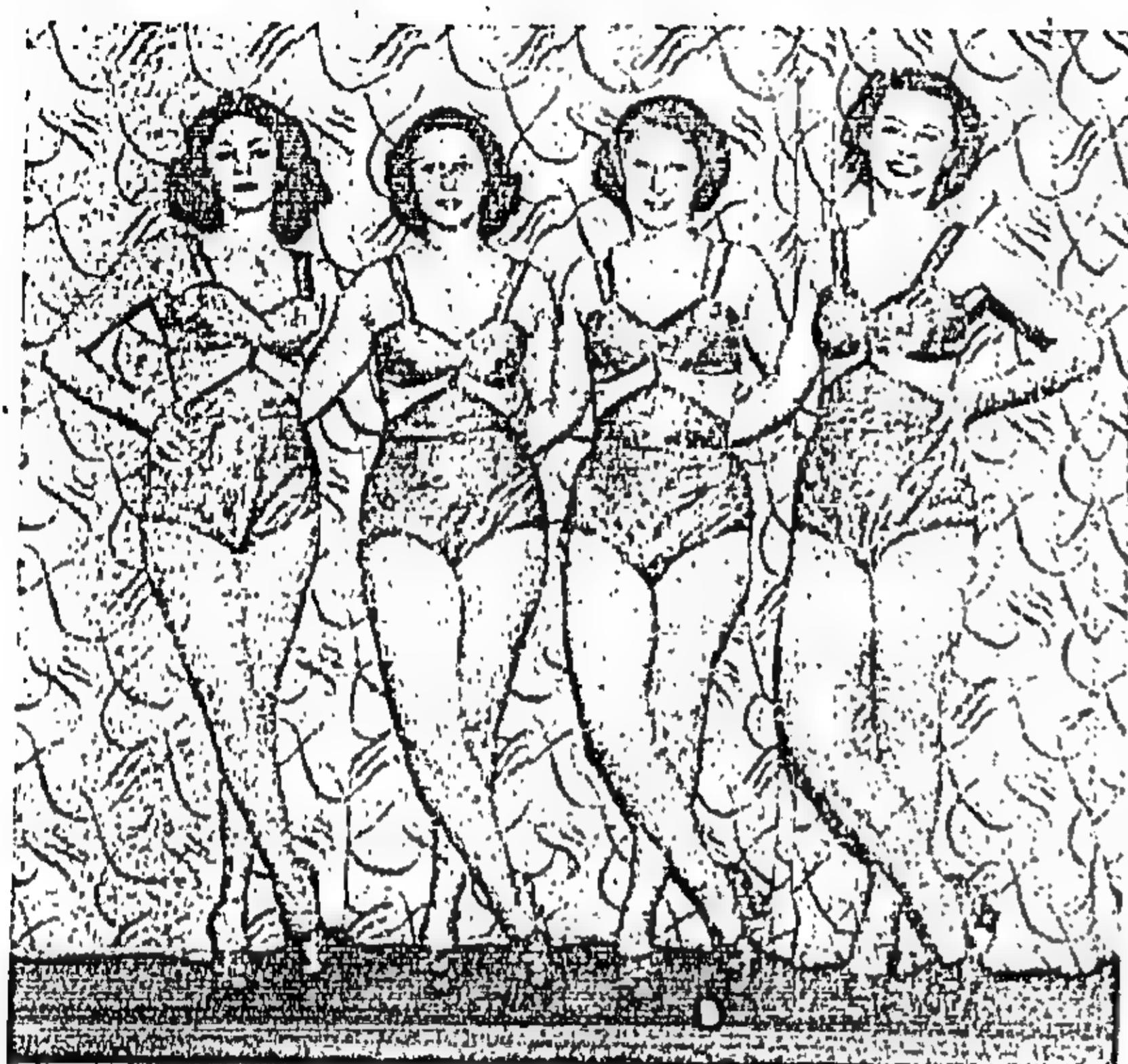
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By Ernie Bushmiller

Leap Year Ball Dancers



FOUR of the dancers who will entertain at the Leap Year Ball to be held at the Gloucester Hotel on February 29 in aid of the British War Organisation Fund.

America Faces Possible Economic Retaliation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Reuter). — Economic retaliation attempt by the United States buy farm products as well as in the United States, stated of Agriculture, speaking at the Finance Committee of the Senate.

The question arose after Senator La Follette had insisted that the United States should try to counteract the agreements between belligerents and neutrals which were adversely affecting United States trade. He cited the Anglo-Turkish Tobacco Agreement as an example.

Deepest Resentment
Senator Barkley asked Mr. Wallace what results might follow an Ameri-

Nazi A.A. Defences Do Not Stop Our Men

R.A.F. ENOUNTERS "FLAMING ONIONS"

BRILLIANT FLIGHT

R.A.F. Survey Behind Siegfried Line

PARIS, Feb. 27 (Reuter). — A British sergeant-pilot and his observer have been congratulated at B.E.F. Headquarters for what is called an exceptionally brilliant reconnaissance.

An R.A.F. machine flew through a cloudless sky over Germany for over two and a half hours. They sighted no German planes in the air and encountered no anti-aircraft fire.

Not Challenged

For 20 minutes they cruised above a camouflaged aerodrome behind the Siegfried Line, taking photographs of Messerschmitt fighters on the ground. Just a single German fighter took off.

The plane then flew over a big railway depot which, to use the sergeant-pilot's own words, they knew was stiff with anti-aircraft guns. Not a single gun fired at them although they flew around the depot for almost an hour.

They came back to their base when they had used up all their film.

gramme for use as a "valuable foundation stone for the reconstruction of world trade in future."

Senator La Follette declared that he was informed that the Anglo-Turkish Agreement covered a period of 25 years.

Mr. Wallace answered that Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, had told him that the published information about the Agreement was inaccurate and that he "wished to talk to us about it in the future."

He added that Congress should continue its reciprocal trade pro-

Right To Sink Anything, Claim

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Feb. 28 (UP). — The German Government has claimed the "theoretical right" to sink any neutral ship which obtain a naval certificate from a British Consul in any neutral port.

The right to sink such shipping is reserved, it is stated in authoritative circles, even if the vessel is en route from one neutral port to another without touching at belligerent ports.

Defining this attitude a spokesman states that neutral vessels submit themselves to the Allied contraband control when they give British Consular officials details of their cargo, just as much as when they enter a British controlled port.

The Germans weaken their argument somewhat by declaring:

"We will break the British blockade one way or another."

FORGED LETTER CRIME

Man Sentenced To Five Years' Hard Labour

"If you had committed that offence in your own country, you would undoubtedly have been shot. Fortunately for you, English law is more merciful," said Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions that morning, after Ho Ming had been convicted on charges of receiving stolen letters, uttering a forged document, and demanding money on a forged document.

Ho was sentenced to two years' hard labour on the first count, and three years' hard labour on the second, the terms to run consecutively. A concurrent sentence of three years' hard labour was imposed on the third count.

On a charge of stealing three letters, Ho was found not guilty.

The jury comprised Messrs. F. A. Lowe (foreman), E. Allaye, Lee Chan-kee, George Bong Wu, K. H. Sabani, Mark Kei-chan and Wong Long-ying.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, assisted by Det.-Sgt. D. G. Macpherson.

Too Busy To Attend

A young woman, Chin Wal-chun, was asked by His Lordship this morning to explain her failure to turn up in Court yesterday to give evidence. He pointed out that she had by her failure rendered herself liable to a fine of \$250.

The woman explained she was private secretary to someone, and had important business to attend to that necessitated her presence.

His Lordship told her not to let it happen again.

Chin identified a letter produced in Court as addressed to her, but said she never received it.

Evidence of the discovery of certain documents in the cubicle of a flat in Oak Street which defendant said he occupied was given by Sgt. Macpherson.

Contends Ho Was Duped

Defendant declared he had been made a dupe of by a man named Mak Chi, who had told him he had received a letter from a relative in Manila. The letter requested Mak to collect some money from an address in Boundary Street, and Mak enlisted defendant's assistance. He said he had not seen the other letters produced in Court prior to his arrest. He agreed they were found in his cubicle, but said he did not know the parcel contained letters. Mak brought them to him, and had told him they were pawn tickets.

Merciful English Law

Before sentencing accused, His Lordship said:

"Whether you were instigated into the crime by Mak Chi or not makes no difference at all. You were obviously ready to lend a hand in this deliberate swindle which involved the use of stolen letters and also involved the use of forgery. If

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter's Special Correspondent With the R.A.F. in France). — R.A.F. long-distance bombers, which landed on a French aerodrome before dawn to-day after participating in the most important series of reconnaissance flights over Germany since the war began, ran the gauntlet of the whole German anti-aircraft defence with one exception.

Fighters were seen but they made no attempt to attack the raiders.

Over the heavily-fortified areas of Western Germany, four Messerschmitts were spotted at different points. The bombers were caught in the beams of multi-coloured searchlights. This activity was greatest over the Ruhr district.

Heavy A.A. Barrage

Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered in the neighbourhood of Cologne and Dusseldorf. One section of the flight was under intense fire for some minutes and for another opened spasmodic bursts.

"Flaming onions" (incendiary shells which in some cases were linked to chains designed to wrap themselves around the raiders and send them crashing to earth in flames) were discharged at the aircraft but they missed their mark.

One battery of four guns fired greenish coloured balls and elsewhere red orange fireballs were fired under the aircraft.

Nightmare Flight

This nightmare flight was one of several carried out. The series announced by the Air Ministry this morning, constituted the fourth R.A.F. night survey of Germany in five days.

The aircraft first visited Boekum, after the base of mine-laying seaplanes, after which they separated for two main objectives—Berlin and the Ruhr.

Leaflets and recognition flares were dropped on Berlin, where not a single searchlight came on, although the aircraft came down to a few thousand feet above such famous streets as the Unter den Linden and the Wilhelmstrasse to release their load.

Only one fighter was seen hereabouts but it did not attempt to join in combat with the raiders which were plainly visible in bright moonlight.

Leaflets On Cologne

More leaflets were dropped at Cologne.

Other towns crossed included Emden, Duisberg and Dortmund.

The most important details were observed by the planes, and it is believed, by those which flew over the important seaports in north-west Germany and the Baltic.

In less than a week, R.A.F. night-fliers, by the aid of photographs and ordinary observation, have secured a great mass of new information about Germany with little or no loss.

You committed that offence in your own country, you would undoubtedly have been shot. Fortunately for you, English law is more merciful."

Mr. Murphy produced a previous conviction against Ho in 1927 for attempted larceny of letters, and possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose.

Sports Advts.

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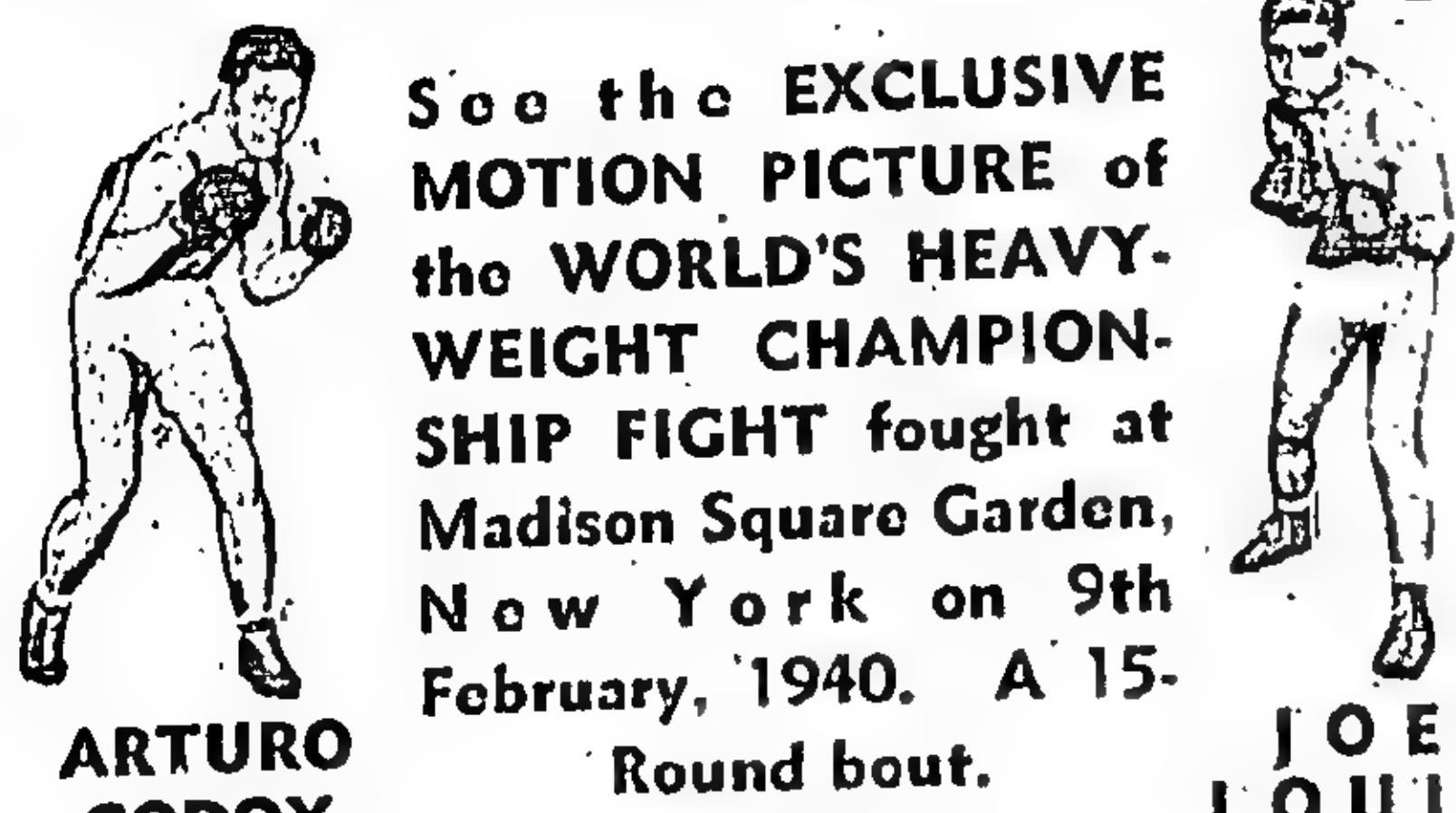
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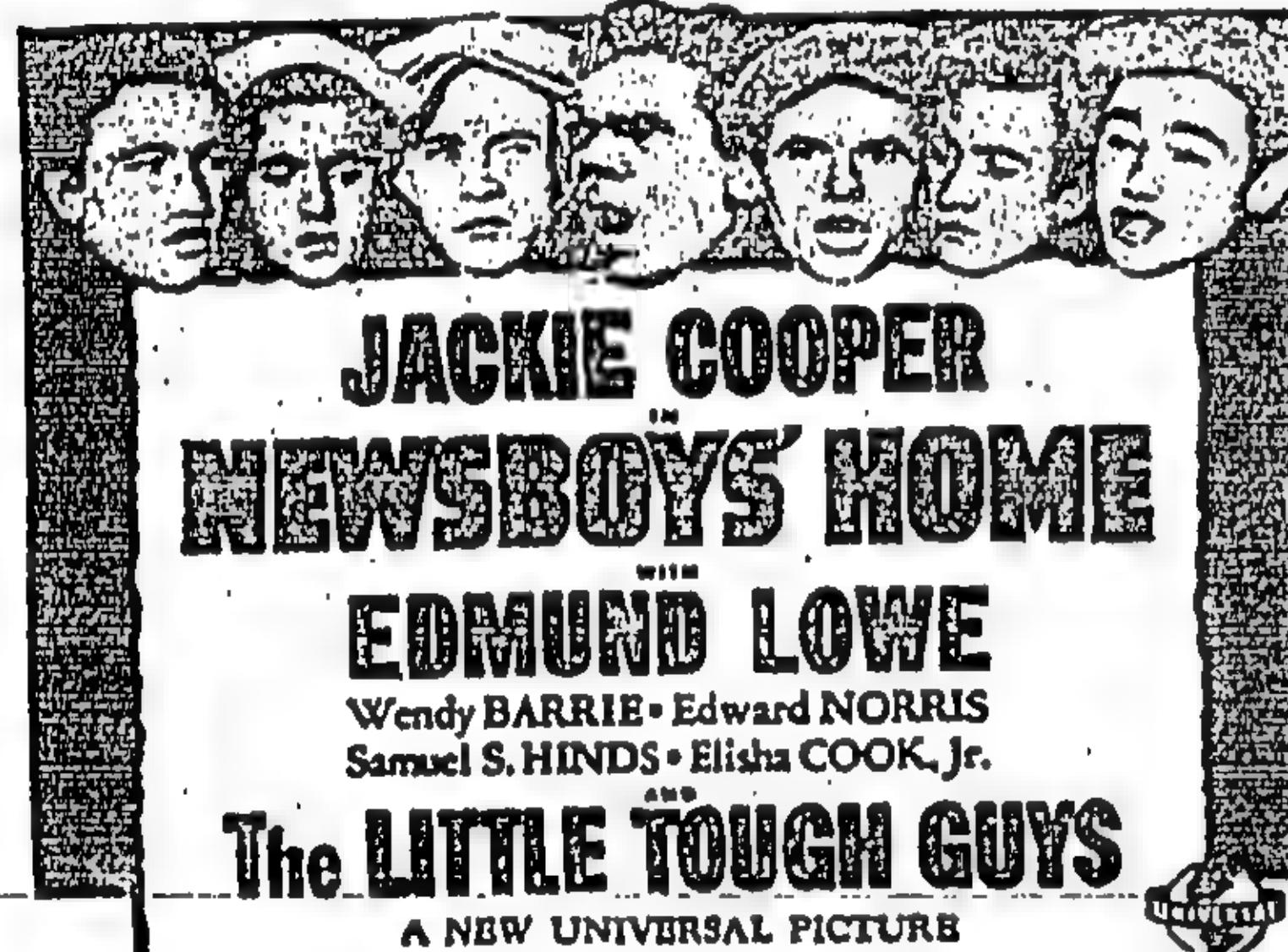
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BIG DRIVE ON VIBORG OPENS

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(The Finns are to cross into Norwegian territory.

The entire surrounding area has been evacuated of civilians by order of the Government.

Karelian Battle Rages

HELSINKI, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—A communiqué states that west of the Karelian Isthmus the enemy continued his attacks but suffered heavy losses.

The Finns have captured a number of arms and destroyed 18 tanks.

North-east of Lake Ladoga, there was strong artillery activity in which the Finns destroyed three tanks and two armoured cars.

In the direction of Petsamo, the enemy made several attacks.

The Finns have transferred their lines to Nautsi.

Two tanks were destroyed. There was a successful ambush and activity by the Finns.

Viborg Holds Out

HELSINKI, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The Soviets are still six miles from Viborg this morning. The Finns are holding their second line of defence despite terrific pressure.

Southern Finland was bombed by Soviet planes on Monday but so far as is known only three people were killed.

Helsingfors had four air raid alarms but no bombs were dropped.

Donation To Finns

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" STOCKHOLM, Feb. 27 (UP).—A street car company to-day is donating the entire day's income to send as a donation to aid Finland.

Russians Repulsed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" HELSINKI, Feb. 27 (UP).—To-day's official Finnish communiqué states that the Russians suffered heavy losses yesterday in their attacks on the Isthmus, particularly on the islands in the Bay of Viborg.

Russian attacks were repelled on the Somme, Nykytjaervi and Salmenka sectors where the Finns captured a large quantity of arms and ammunition and destroyed 18 tanks. Fighting in these sectors still continues.

Powerful Attacks Repelled

The Finns also repelled powerful Russian attacks at Taipale where heavy booty was captured. Fighting has been resumed at Kuhmo while at Pelsamo the Finns have withdrawn to their defence positions at Nautsi.

There has been considerable aerial activity. The Finnish air force has been bombing Russian air bases and munitions dumps far behind the Russian lines.

It has been officially confirmed that seventeen Russian planes were shot down to-day.

Strategical Withdrawal

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 27 (UP).—Reports from Helsingfors to-day state that the Russian capture of Kovisto netted "only ruins without any military importance because the Finns dynamited all the fortifications and dragged off all their guns."

The Finns lost no men during the retirement, which is described as "strategic," the report says.

Now Danger To Finns

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—There is danger that the Finns may soon have another front to defend as a result of the Karelian Isthmus battle.

When they reach the tip of Kovisto Peninsula, the Russians will be only five miles from the main Finnish south coast near Sacklinjärvi, which has been evacuated by the civilian population.

The loss of the Kovisto fortress has opened up the way for such an advance.

Previously the Finnish batteries there had effectively checked any outflanking movement of this kind behind the Mannerheim Line.

Fate In Balance

HELSINKI, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The fate of Viborg (Viborg) is in the balance.

Soviet pressure is being applied in the widest form possible in order to discover any weak points in the defences. The Finns are still standing firm and the Russians are stated to have suffered enormous losses of men and material.

Russian Claims

MOSCOW, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Today's communiqué states that Soviet troops on the Karelian Isthmus are breaking through the enemy's fortified zone and have occupied 13 defensive fortifications.

Soviet planes have successfully bombed enemy troops and military objectives.

Now Defence Lines

ROME, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—According to reports reaching Rome from Finland, Monday was quiet on the Karelian Isthmus.

Local attacks by the Soviets seemed designed to divert attention from the extensive arrangements being made at the rear for another big offensive.

The Helsingfors correspondent of "Il Messaggero" reports that although the Finns had to retreat at Kovisto, they did so in perfect order and without loss of material. They suffered fewer casualties than did the Russians.

The new defence lines are holding well against terrific pressure, he says, and the Finnish armaments, especially artillery, are good and fairly copious.

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BRITISH NAVY MAY BLOCKADE VLADIVOSTOK

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British Government is on the verge of attempting to establish Contraband Control in two oceans.

H.K. As Contraband Base

It was recently suggested in London that Hongkong would become a British Contraband Control base if Britain decided to establish regular control in the Pacific.

Informed quarters have suggested that Britain will establish such control in the Pacific the minute she feels it is justifiable and Hongkong is regarded as the most likely location.

Britain is thought to have been carefully watching the movements of cargoes en route to Germany via Vladivostok and the trans-Siberian railway.

Although Britain has no regular contraband control base anywhere in the Pacific, it is recalled that the Soviet steamer Siberian, which was en route from Manilla to Vladivostok, was brought into Hongkong after having been intercepted near Formosa.

Governor's Suggestion

A recent "United Press" despatch from Manila stated that the Hongkong Governor had recently telephoned the British Foreign Office, advising the establishment of branches of the Ministry of Economic Warfare in Hongkong, Shanghai and Singapore, for the purpose of controlling the export of war commodities to Russia.

Hongkong naval circles are also stated to have urged that strong representations be made to London for the establishment of a Contraband Control station in the British Colony, because of the increasing number of ships being chartered by Hongkong firms for trading with Vladivostok.

Exports From Hongkong

The "United Press" despatch claimed that Hongkong business firms recently chartered two former Norwegian vessels for the Vladivostok run and one of these ships recently returned to the British Colony in ballast after taking 60,000 chests of tea to Russia.

"Foreign trade advisers to the Chinese Government were understood to be urging Chungking to closely scrutinise existing agreements with Russia, since the latter was apparently taking advantage of the barter agreement in order to fulfil Soviet obligations under the Russo-German trade pact," the message stated.

Shipping circles in Manila state that two steamers recently left the Philippines capital with cargoes of copper ore, en route to Vladivostok.

Unmanifest Cargo

Man Fined For Bringing \$61,000 Into Colony

Summoned for importing unmanifest cargo into the Colony on February 16, consisting of \$61,000 in Chinese National Currency, Lo Kun, of 179 Queen's Road Central, appeared before Mr. Sheldon at Central Magistracy this morning and was fined \$200. The \$61,000 was returned to defendant.

Senior Revenue Officer Grimmit said Lo arrived in the Colony on the Kai Tung from Macao carrying the suitcase. When questioned regarding the contents, Lo said it had not been manifested and was then taken to the Import and Export Office.

The Hon. Mr. K. Lo, for defendant, referred to a previous judgment by another magistrate for a similar offence and said he felt that it was very difficult for a man to feel that he was infringing the laws of Hongkong by bringing a suitcase with him in his cabin.

The only other point was the matter of penalty.

Defendants in previous Test cases were fined a dollar each.

TURKEY RECALLS ALL SHIPS AS EVENTS MOVE FAST IN BALKANS

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last week fruitlessly attempted to obtain a new agreement with Rumania, under which Germany would have received a greater portion of Rumania's supply of raw materials. Rumania has subsequently banned the export of all goods except wheat and oil, and Germany's proportion of the latter is only small.

Dr. Clodius was to have visited Bucharest for a second time to-day, in a new attempt to obtain revision of Rumania's exports in favour of Germany.

Daladier Given Confidence Vote

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Feb. 28 (UPI).—M. Daladier's Government received an overwhelming vote of confidence after yesterday's prolonged debate on French censorship and propaganda.

Only one Deputy of the 400 who recorded their votes opposed the motion. Nevertheless, M. Daladier faced a barrage of criticism during the debate, and admitted that much of it was justified.

As an outcome of the debate, the Premier announced the creation of a Ministry of Information which will be run on similar lines to the British Ministry.

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Startling Revelations by Mr. Winston Churchill in House of Commons: Scapa Flow Abandoned As Britain's Chief Naval Base

NELSON & BARHAM DAMAGED BY GERMAN MINE AND U-BOAT

Scapa Flow Abandoned As British Naval Anchorage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—The Admiralty has abandoned Scapa Flow as a naval base.

The great inland harbour off the northern coast of Scotland, which was believed impregnable to attack from the sea in the last war, will no longer provide refuge for British warships.

Decision to abandon the base was made after a Nazi submarine succeeded in entering the land-locked harbour and torpedoing H.M.S. Royal Oak as she lay at anchor.

The announcement of the Admiralty's decision to withdraw warships from Scapa Flow was made by Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons last night.

GRAVEYARD-OF-GERMAN NAVY

It is presumed that the decision was made by the Admiralty owing to the uncertainty of its value as protection for the fleet from either aerial or submarine attack.

Scapa Flow, in addition to providing the British Fleet with a safe anchorage in the last war, is the graveyard of the old Imperial German Navy. It was here that Germany first practised the art of scuttling.

DESTROYER RAMS SUB.

Another Serious Nazi Loss

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Feb. 28 (UP).—The 1,319-ton French destroyer Simoun has rammed and sunk a German U-boat "somewhere off Cap Finisterre."

The Simoun is sister-ship of the destroyer Sirôo, which has already sunk three submarines since the outbreak of war.

According to an official French Admiralty announcement, the Simoun was on patrol duty off Cap Finisterre when she sighted the submarine.

Depth Charges Attack

The Nazi undersea craft was attacked by depth charges.

"As the Simoun turned to launch a further attack, she saw the damaged U-boat rise to the surface near where the first depth charge had exploded," the communiqué adds.

"The Commander of the French destroyer ordered full speed ahead and rammed the enemy."

"As she sank, further depth charges were dropped."

"The action concluded with a trail of oil which gradually spread over the surface of the sea until it covered an area of approximately eight square miles."

Daladier Given Confidence Vote

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Feb. 28 (UP).—M. Daladier's Government received an overwhelming vote of confidence after yesterday's prolonged debate on French censorship and propaganda.

Only one Deputy of the 450 who recorded their votes opposed the motion. Nevertheless, M. Daladier faced a barrage of criticism during the debate, and admitted that much of it was justified.

An outcome of the debate, the Premier announced the creation of a Ministry of Information which will be run on similar lines to the British Ministry.

BRITAIN'S ARMADA

7 New Battleships Being Built

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—The British Navy will shortly be reinforced by seven of the most powerful battleships in the world.

All are nearing completion and, it is believed, one has already been commissioned.

Two of these battleships, the Lion and the Temeraire, will be bigger than the 42,000-ton battle cruiser Hood, which at present is the largest warship afloat.

16-in. Guns

They were both laid down early last year and are now being rushed to completion. They will probably be armed with 16-in. guns.

In addition to these two monsters, Mr. Winston Churchill has revealed in the House of Commons that five battleships of the King George V class are now nearing completion.

They are the King George V, the Anson, the Jellicoe, the Prince of Wales and the Beatty.

Each has a displacement of 35,000 tons—larger than either the Rodney or the Nelson. They will probably be equipped with ten 14-in. guns.

16-in. Armour Plating

It was officially announced that the designs of these ships would include enhanced defence against air attack, including an improved distribution of deck and side armour and more elaborate subdivision. Unofficial reports have placed the weight of armour at over 14,000 tons, with a water-line thickness of 16 inches.

All five ships were laid down in 1937, and two were launched before the outbreak of war in September last. It is believed that all five have now been launched. The original pre-war construction plans envisaged the commissioning of the King George V and Prince of Wales—the two ships launched before the outbreak of war—sometime this year. The remaining three were to have been commissioned in 1941. Doubtless, this programme has been speeded up.

Very Small Losses

Against this total tonnage of 225,000 tons, which does not include the innumerable cruisers, destroyers and other craft already commissioned since the outbreak of war, or the hundreds of thousands of tons under completion, Britain's total warship losses, including five destroyers, in the first six months of war has amounted to no more than 63,000 tons.

"This is only half the tonnage we lost in the first six months of the last war," said Mr. Churchill last night.

LOWER L.C.C. RATES

3d In Pound Decrease Recommended

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—The London County Council will probably lower the rates next year.

The Council's Finance Committee has recommended a decrease of 3d. in the pound.

The rate paid in London will then be 7 shillings 3d. with an additional special rate of 3½d.

The Council announces, however, that it will not be cutting down on social services nor will it give up the housing and other schemes put in hand before war broke out.

Pajala Raid Proved

Photographs Reveal Extent Of Damage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINKI, Feb. 27 (UP).—The morning newspapers here to-day published photographs showing the damage done by Russian bombs from the air on the town of Pajala.

The photographs show huge craters, a badly-wrecked workshop and a building completely destroyed except for the chimney.

The editorials in the newspapers state that the bombing of Pajala was a practical lesson on what Sweden may expect from Russia.

96 Civilians Killed

HELSINKI, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—The result of Soviet air raids in the first fortnight of February shows that 96 civilians were killed and 134 injured.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, FEB. 28 (UP).—THE REVELATION THAT TWO BIG BRITISH BATTLESHIPS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY MINE AND TORPEDO WAS MADE BY MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, IN A SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST NIGHT.

THE 33,500-TON BATTLESHIP, H.M.S. NELSON, STRUCK A MINE IN THE NORTH SEA.

THE 31,100-TON BATTLESHIP H.M.S. BARHAM WAS SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED BY A GERMAN U-BOAT.

Anti-mine and anti-submarine bulges on both battleships saved them from destruction and both were able to make port under their own power.

Apart from the Royal Oak and Courageous, these are the only big ships of the British Navy to have been damaged or sunk since the outbreak of the war.

SOON TO REJOIN FLEET

The damage to these two powerful vessels was a secret in which to use Mr. Churchill's words, "many thousands of people were necessarily aware." It was so well-kept by dockyard and naval personnel, however, that it has only just leaked out in Germany, after it had ceased to have any importance.

Both H.M.S. Barham and H.M.S. Nelson are under repair and will be ready within a few days to rejoin the Fleet.

MAGNETIC MINE DAMAGES NELSON

Mr. Churchill revealed that the damage to H.M.S. Nelson was occasioned by a magnetic mine.

With her sister ship, H.M.S. Rodney, the Nelson is the most powerful warship afloat. Although smaller by 10,000 tons than the battle cruiser Hood, which is equipped with eight 15-in. guns, H.M.S. Nelson is equipped with nine 16-inch guns.

BRILLIANT FLIGHT

R.A.F. Survey Behind Siegfried Line

PARIS, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—A British sergeant-pilot and his observer have been congratulated at B.E.F. Headquarters for what is called an exceptionally brilliant reconnaissance.

The Nelson was launched in 1925. Barham Served In Last War. H.M.S. Barham, whilst a powerful unit of the Fleet, is a much older vessel and served throughout the Great War.

She was launched in 1914 and commissioned early in the following year. Of 31,000 tons displacement, she is equipped with eight fifteen inch guns, and is a sister ship to the Queen Elizabeth, Malaya and Valiant.

NOT CHALLENGED

For 20 minutes they cruised above a camouflaged aerodrome behind the Siegfried Line, taking photographs of Messerschmitt fighters on the ground. Not a single German fighter took off.

The plane then flew over a big railway depot which, to use the sergeant-pilot's own words, they knew was staffed with anti-aircraft guns. Not a single gun fired at them although they flew around the depot for almost an hour.

They came back to their base when they had used up all their film.

LATEST

Britain May Blockade Vladivostok

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—It is officially announced that the British Government is considering the possibility of establishing Contraband Control around the Russian port of Vladivostok.

In making this announcement in the House of Commons last night, Mr. R. H. Cross, the Minister for Economic Warfare, said that Contraband Control would probably be extended to this area in order to prevent

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Britain To Buy Chilean Wool

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—The "Dow Jones" agency states that the Chilean Consul General in New York has announced that the Chilean Exchange Control Commission and representatives of the British Government have signed an agreement whereby Britain will buy wool to the value of £500,000 in Chile.

The exchange balance thus created will be liquidated by the purchase of British merchandise.

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1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Dance Music by Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

1.45 Variety with Clapham and Dwyer, The Duncan Sisters, "Hutch," and Others.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Compositions of Bach—Prelude and Fugue, No. 17, in a Flat Major; Evelyn Howard-Jones (Piano); Brandenburg Concerto, No. 6 in B Flat Major; Sir Henry Wood and His Symphony Orchestra; The Heart I Ask From Thee, Love My Spirit Was In Heaven, Lotte Leonard (Soprano); with Harpsichord, Organ and Violin; Sonata No. 3 in E, Isolde Menges and Harold Sumil (Violin and Piano).

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Vocal Selections by The Kentucky Minstrels.

7.00 London Relay—"The Last Fight of the Revenge"—A Feature Programme.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 A Short Siobellus Programme.

Karelia Suite, Op. 11, London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Walter Goehr; Flecken Kom Iran Sin Alskling Mole, Marian Anderson (Contralto) with Piano accom. Sung in Swedish.

8.15 Studio—A Latvian Programme by Harry Ore at the Piano.

8.45 Studio—"Some Great Authors"—Burke—The third of a series of talks by Father Ryan, S.J.

9.05 Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler.

—Indian Lament, Shvorin Dance No. 3 in G Major, with Piano accom. by Carl Lamson.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 Kitty Masters, Harold Ramsay and Stan Holloway in Variety.

10.00 Half an hour of Dance Music.

10.30 London Relay—"The Turning of the Worm" or "In the Rough Again."

11.00 Close Down.

Swedish Ship Rammed

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters)—Seventeen survivors of the Swedish steamer, Nordia, 1,316 tons, which is stated to have been accidentally rammed and sunk in darkness off the Norwegian coast, have been landed at a Scottish port by a British warship. Two men are missing.

Collided With Submarine

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters)—Further news of the sinking of the Swedish steamer, Nordia, reveals that she sprang a serious leak as the result of a collision with a submarine.

The crew managed to keep her afloat with pumps until within sight of the Norwegian coast when the ship was half-submerged. The crew were taken off by a Danish steamer.

The submarine's periscope was torn off but her ultimate fate is unknown.

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"That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorized to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company on the 1st day of July, 1940, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.

"2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing Fractional Certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share." By order of the Board of Directors,
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The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

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Finns Not Expected To Defend Viborg

WHOLESALE EVACUATION OF TOWNS ORDERED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINKI, Feb. 28 (UP).—The Finnish Government has ordered the immediate evacuation of all towns along the coast of Viipuri Bay to a depth of twenty-five miles inland.

This decision apparently indicates that the Finnish Army intends to evacuate Viborg, the republic's second largest city, and to withdraw to the third lines of defence behind the city.

The Russians continue to pound Viborg from across the bay. The city itself has already been completely evacuated by civilians and only the army and essential services now remain.

Despite the orders for general evacuation, the Finns are still holding their lines before Viborg, despite increasingly heavy pressure.

The Russians are now entrenched in the outlying suburbs approximately six miles from the centre of the city.

WHAT HITLER WILL DEMAND FOR PEACE

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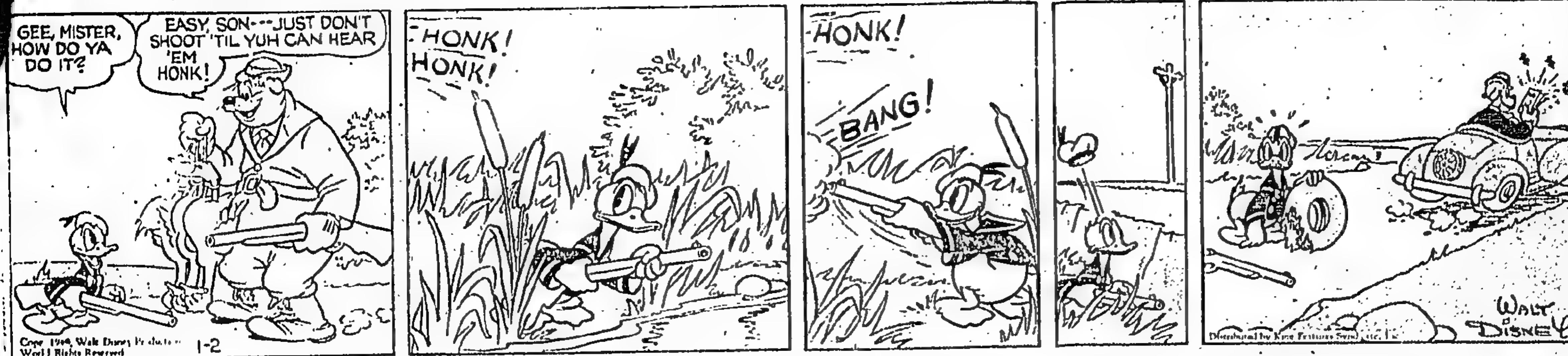
Fresh Tragedy

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Mr. Churchill Reveals Navy's Preparations In Striking Speech

FIGHTING THE MAGNETIC MINE: HEAVY TOLL TAKEN OF U-BOATS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 27 (UP).—The powerfully reinforced British Navy is ready to "beat down" all Nazi attacks, declared Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons to-day, when he also hinted that Britain might take a sterner stand towards neutral European nations.

Almost in the same breath he announced additions to the Fleet designed to resist aerial and U-boat attacks.

Scapa Flow Abandoned
He admitted that Scapa Flow has been abandoned as a naval base, presumably owing to the uncertainty of its protection, despite its strategic and other values.

He admitted that the old "wonder ship" H.M.S. Nelson (33,050 tons), which was built in 1925, has been damaged by a mine.

However, she reached port under her own power and will shortly rejoin the fleet, he declared.

Vast Confidence

The First Lord's speech was one of vast confidence. It detailed the great efforts being made to build up the British Navy to defeat the never and greater German attacks on Britain's sea power which are expected soon.

The speech emphasised the British determination to carry on the war against Nazi leadership. It continually expressed confidence in victory—at a time when Mr. Welles is preparing to confer with Hitler in Berlin this week.

Now Battleships

Mr. Churchill put emphasis on the new battleships which will soon join the fleet and said the Allied blockade is working satisfactorily.

"The Straits of Dover are closed and sealed, and the Northern Patrol is being maintained by a strongly supported cordon from Scotland to Greenland," he said.

He explained that the blockade could be tightened still further but that Britain desired to "strike a balance" and not to harm friendly neutrals.

Lost Over 35 U-Boats

He said Germany had lost half of her 70 U-boats by the end of December and expressed the opinion that they are able to build ten new U-boats in three months.

Britain, he said, has started building a large number of naval craft designed to destroy U-boats faster than they can be constructed.

He added that the Admiralty has issued "thousands of guns of all sorts and sizes" to the British merchant and fishing fleets for protection against attacks from German planes.

In addition "immense preparations" have been made to meet Nazi attacks at sea, and Britain "now sees its way of mastering the German system of laying magnetic mines."

In conclusion, Mr. Churchill said Britain expects "perhaps in the near future" further and greater attacks on British sea power.

Cheers For Churchill

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, was received with cheers when he rose to speak on the Naval Estimates.

"I come on behalf of the Navy," he said, "to ask for a few men, some ships and a little money (laughter) to enable them to carry on their work."

Mr. Churchill's reference to money referred to £100 token grant representing an amount running into many millions but which is undefined. Mr. Churchill continued, "There has grown up a much wider comprehension of the certainty that mistakes will be made both at Whitehall and on the salt water and that however hard we try the painful drath of losses will be sustained."

"This will only make us more zealous to discharge our task and to give satisfaction and win approval by producing good results."

Not Expedient

"I regret it is not expedient to give the House the precise facts and figures regarding the proposed strength and need of the Navy but there is no need to tell the enemy more than is good for him about what we are doing" (laughter).

Mr. Churchill said that by the end of 1939, Germany had lost from causes at least half their U-boats, namely 35. He doubted very much whether even ten fresh U-boats came into action in that period.

In the last two days, he said, there had been one certain and two almost certain U-boat sinkings.

Clear Warning

Mr. Churchill said, "So far the Navy has borne the main weight of the war. If at any time in the for the duration of the war and the

Admiralty are going to meet their wish. (cheers).

Exorable Behaviour

"So execrable has been the behaviour of some of the German aviators in attacking harmless unarmed vessels and machine-gunning the crews when in boats and in describing on the radio 'What fun it was to see the little ship crackling up in flames like a Christmas tree,' that we have had to set about arming all our fishing boats and small craft with a means of defending themselves. (cheers)."

"We have reason to know that several of them have sheered off very quickly when they found that the fisherman who had only just been given a weapon fired back upon them."

"Thousands of guns of all sorts and sizes are being issued to our merchant and fishing fleets."

"The Nazis have retaliated by saying this entitles them to break all conventions which they have already broken many times over. (laughter)."

"They may be, of course, able to apply their methods on a larger scale but they have not for some time been able to descend to any new level of cruelty and disgrace."

"I suppose the House realises that Hitler and his Nazis have quite definitely exceeded the worst villainies which Imperial Germany committed during the last war. (cheers)."

"One of the most extraordinary things I have ever known in my experience is the way in which the German illegalities, atrocities and brutalities are coming to be accepted as if they were part of the ordinary day to day conditions of war (cheers)."

Criticizes Neutral Press

"Why does the neutral press make more fuss when I make a speech telling them what is their duty than they have done when hundreds of their ships have been sunk (cheers) and over a thousand of their sailors have been drowned or murdered—that is the right word—on the open seas."

"Apparently, according to the present doctrine of the neutral states probably endorsed by the Government, Germany is to gain one set of advantages by breaking all the rules and committing foul outrages and then go on and gain another set of advantages through insisting, whenever it suits her, upon the widest interpretation of the International Code she has torn to pieces."

"It is not at all odd that His Majesty's Government is getting rather tired of it. (cheers)."

Götting Tired Of It

"I am getting rather tired of it myself (laughter). For my part I can say without hesitation that in the interpretation of the rules and conventions affecting neutrals, humanity rather than legal exactitude must be our chief guide (cheers) and judging from the Almansk episode this seems to be the opinion not only of the British nation but of the civilized world."

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CHUNGKING, Feb. 28 (UP).—Although they are functioning far behind the front lines in "Japanese occupied territory", the Provincial Governments of Charhar and Hopei have found time in order to radio the Central Government in Chungking, denouncing Wang Ching-wei.

We have reason to know that several of them have sheered off very quickly when they found that the fisherman who had only just been given a weapon fired back upon them."

"Thousands of guns of all sorts and sizes are being issued to our merchant and fishing fleets."

"The Nazis have retaliated by saying this entitles them to break all conventions which they have already broken many times over. (laughter)."

"They may be, of course, able to apply their methods on a larger scale but they have not for some time been able to descend to any new level of cruelty and disgrace."

"I suppose the House realises that Hitler and his Nazis have quite definitely exceeded the worst villainies which Imperial Germany committed during the last war. (cheers)."

"One of the most extraordinary things I have ever known in my experience is the way in which the German illegalities, atrocities and brutalities are coming to be accepted as if they were part of the ordinary day to day conditions of war (cheers)."

Criticizes Neutral Press

"Why does the neutral press make more fuss when I make a speech telling them what is their duty than they have done when hundreds of their ships have been sunk (cheers) and over a thousand of their sailors have been drowned or murdered—that is the right word—on the open seas."

"Apparently, according to the present doctrine of the neutral states probably endorsed by the Government, Germany is to gain one set of advantages by breaking all the rules and committing foul outrages and then go on and gain another set of advantages through insisting, whenever it suits her, upon the widest interpretation of the International Code she has torn to pieces."

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Trade With Japan

Questions Asked In House Of Commons

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Miss Wilkinson asked Sir Andrew Duncan, the President of the Board of Trade, regarding the arrangement recently made with the Japanese Government providing for the import of 350,000 dozen pairs of stockings and a large quantity of other textiles from Japan.

Sir Andrew replied that there had been for some years an agreement between British and Japanese hosiery manufacturers for the limitation of exports of Japanese hosiery to the United Kingdom. This agreement was renewed in January and with the agreement, the British hosiery industry imports licensing restrictions were since relaxed so as to allow the limited import of cheap Japanese hosiery of a kind not made here in quantities sufficient to meet the demand.

Exports Agreement

Miss Wilkinson asked whether in view of our position as regards unemployment and food supplies, it was necessary to arrange for the import of silk stockings in war time.

Sir Andrew replied that there was likewise a need for export trade and it was made quite clear to the Japanese Government that the continuance of this concession depends on their attitude to the admission of British woolen hosiery to Japan.

The people in the occupied government may at times appear a mystery, but the archives are still jealously preserved and, like Juarez in the Mexican revolt against France, are moved from town to town in order to escape the attentions of the Japanese.

Chungking officials, in announcing receipt of the messages from the two Provincial governments, recall that they are functioning at almost the same degree of efficiency as the central Government in Chungking.

The people in the occupied territory still give their allegiance to the loyal provincial governments, despite the setting up of Japanese puppet administrations.

Two really big ships and cannot attempt to form a line of battle.

We have at least three, if not four lines of battle, not one of which the enemy could face in an engagement.

"Therefore we are able to dispose of our ships much more widely and, at the same time, to keep ample forces always at sea ready to engage the enemy's principal vessels should they present themselves.

Upon this fact depends the whole of our sea control."

Better Equipped

Mr. Churchill mentioned that the new battleships which Britain was building were capable of standing up to air bombing and were far better adapted to under water explosions than anything they had had to-day.

Mr. Churchill declared that he did not wish to raise any undue apprehensions about the strength of existing ships.

He announced that H.M.S. Barham, an old ship which had stood up well to torpedoes, would soon be repaired and ready for sea and that H.M.S. Nelson, a modern ship but nevertheless fifteen years old, had been damaged by a magnetic mine but would soon be rejoining the Fleet.

Mr. Churchill declared that he did not wish to raise any undue apprehensions about the strength of existing ships.

He announced that H.M.S. Royal Oak and H.M.S. Courageous no other large ships have been damaged or sunk since the outbreak of war during the very difficult winter months," he said.

Referring to the fact that the ships both great and small had been at sea more continuously than was ever done or dreamed of in any previous war since the introduction of steam, Mr. Churchill said that since H.M.S. Royal Oak was sunk we had not used Scapa Flow which was, of course, the best strategic base.

Glowing Tribute

Mr. Churchill paid a glowing tribute to the engineering branch of the Royal Navy for the fact that even ships with old engines had steamed 90 days or more out of the first 110 days of war.

There was, added Mr. Churchill, very little doubt that the whole of

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FLAMING "ONIONS"

R.A.F. Encounters New German Defences

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter's Special Correspondent With the R.A.F. in France).—R.A.F. long-distance bombers, which landed on a French aerodrome before dawn to-day after participating in the most important series of reconnaissance flights over Germany since the war began, ran the gauntlet of the whole German anti-aircraft defence with one exception.

Fighters were seen but they made no attempt to attack the raiders.

Over the heavily-fortified areas of Western Germany, four Messerschmitts were spotted at different points. The bombers were caught in the beams of multi-coloured searchlights. This activity was greatest over the Ruhr district.

Heavy A.A. Barrage

Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered in the neighbourhood of Cologne and Dusseldorf. One section of the flight was under intense fire for some minutes and for another spell dodged spasmodic bursts.

"Screaming onions" (incendiary shells which in some cases were linked to chains designed to wrap themselves around the raiders and send them crashing to earth in flames) were discharged at the aircraft but they missed their mark.

One battery of four guns fired greenish coloured balls and elsewhere red orange fireballs were fired under the aircraft.

Nightmare Flight

This nightmare flight was one of several carried out. The series, announced by the Air Ministry this morning, constituted the fourth R.A.F. night survey of Germany in five days.

The aircraft first visited Boekum, the base of mine-laying seaplanes, after which they separated for two main objectives—Berlin and the Ruhr.

Leaflets and recognition flares were dropped on Berlin, where not a single searchlight came on, although the aircraft came down to a few thousand feet above such famous streets as the Unter den Linden and the Wilhelmstrasse to release their load.

Only one fighter was seen hereabouts but it did not attempt to join in combat with the raiders which were plainly visible in bright moonlight.

Leaflets On Cologne

More leaflets were dropped at Cologne.

Other towns crossed included Emden, Duisberg and Dortmund.

The most important details were observed by the planes, and, it is believed, by those which flew over the important seaports in north-west Germany and the Baltic.

In less than a week, R.A.F. night-fliers, by the aid of photographs and ordinary observation, have secured a great mass of new information about Germany with little or no loss.

Mr. Roosevelt And The Pope

Message Talks Of Common Ideal

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt, in a message to the Pope concerning the appointment of Mr. Myron C. Taylor, says: "I should be very happy to know that he will form the focus for all views which Your Holiness and I may desire to exchange in the interest of concord between the peoples of the world."

"I have asked Mr. Taylor to give my cordial greetings to Your Holiness in the sincere hope that our common ideal of religion and humanity may show itself in a common path for the re-establishment of a more durable peace founded on liberty and security, and the life and integrity of all nations under the protection of God."

U.S. Envoy Received

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—VATICAN CITY, Feb. 27 (Dome).—Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal representative, was received by Pope Pius XII at the Holy See this morning.

Mr. Taylor presented President Roosevelt's personal message and his credentials to His Holiness. The interview lasted about 40 minutes.

UNDERWRITERS SATISFIED

Quote Lower Rates For Convoyed Ships

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The confidence of Marine Insurance circles in the convoy system is illustrated in the rates quoted in London.

Up to Wednesday last week, only 21 of the 10,070 ships convoyed were lost, improving on the previous figure of one in 600.

Underwriters in London now quote for single voyages in European waters—unescorted ships, 80 shillings per £100; convoyed ships, 60 shillings per £100.

The comparative kindness of the Nazis to Italian and Japanese ships is also reflected in the fact that the underwriters quote lower rates for ships of these countries than they do for others.

R.A.F.'s "House To House Canvass"

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Paris to-day reported that six persons were wounded by the explosion of anti-aircraft shells during a barrage in which five German planes which had penetrated the Paris region were driven off.

It is understood that several enemy bombing squadrons crossed the border with fighting planes acting as escorts. Some flew over the north and northwest areas, while a detachment of five swerved over to the Paris region. Others scouted in other sectors. An anti-aircraft shell blasted a two-foot hole in a street near a subway station, shattering the windows in the neighbourhood.

Heligoland Raid

The official news agency in Berlin claims the Germans shot down a British Bristol-Blenheim over the Heligoland Bight and said the anti-aircraft guns so damaged a second R.A.F. plane it was probably unable to return to its base.

The Berlin official news agency admitted that the R.A.F. flew over northwest Germany but denied they reached Berlin.

A London report says a British patrol brought down a Heinkel plane over the Firth of Forth and brought down a second Heinkel off the Northumberland coast. The crew of three of this second plane took to rubber boats. These two German planes are the 42nd and 43rd known to have been downed by the British defenders.

Air Ministry Admission

The Air Ministry said the R.A.F. successfully reconnoisance over the Heligoland Bight and admitted that one plane failed to return.

Air circles indicated that during the past 24 hours air activity has been the heaviest since the start of the war. At least four separate flights were made over German territory—the fourth of such flights in the last five days.

A report from the Hague states officially that aeroplanes of unidentified nationality were observed along the coast near Amsterdam and Utrecht where anti-aircraft batteries went into action several times.

Four Of Crew Rescued

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The four members of the crew of the Heinkel bomber shot down off the Firth of Forth were picked up by a trawler and landed at a Scottish port. One was suffering from gunshot wounds.

They appeared to be overjoyed at the rescue and repeatedly shook hands with the trawlermen.

The crew of the Heinkel shot down off Northumberland have not been found.

Six Injured By Shell

PARIS, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Six people were injured, one seriously, by a shell which exploded on a pavement when anti-aircraft batteries opened fire here last night.

Relaxing Import Restrictions

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Following the recent understanding between Britain and France, the Board of Trade announce that they have arranged for a substantial relaxation in the restriction on imports from France.

AUSTRALIA'S SECOND DEFENCE LOAN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CANBERRA, Feb. 28 (UP).—The Commonwealth of Australia will shortly float its second Defence Loan.

The loan, which will be for £18,000,000 (Australian currency), will bear interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. for a portion redeemable in 1945, and at the rate of 3¾ per cent. for the portion redeemable in 1956.

The money is required in order to finance Australia's gigantic war effort.

The original pre-war defence estimate for Australia, which totalled £33,000,000, was increased to £62,000,000 immediately after the outbreak of war.

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Political Storm Over Saito Affair Demand For Statement By Government

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The Saito affair continues to be in the forefront of the domestic and political situation in Japan.

As the result of the appearance before the Diet Disciplinary Committee last Saturday of Mr. Takao Saito, who caused a storm by his questions regarding the Konoye statement which is being used as a basis by the Government in efforts to end the China conflict, the gap between the Lower House and those opposed to such action has widened.

No Government Action

The Government is avoiding interference in the matter for the time being, but has communicated to the political parties the opinion that they should show no leniency in considering Saito's punishment.

The attitude of the Army and Navy reported to have strengthened, but these quarters are much concerned over the ultimate outcome of the issue.

May Suspend Diet

The Cabinet is watching developments and is understood to be planning an order for suspension of the Diet if the Party leaders are unable to enforce action and dispose of the affair speedily.

Wants Govt. Statement

In the House of Peers to-day, Mr. Yoshisharu Tazawa, Chairman of the Japan Young Men's League, urged that the Government publicly makes known its policy in connection with the Saito case in order to avoid an unfortunate misunderstanding" (Applause). He referred to newspaper reports that the Government was causing a general impression that it was intimidating the Legislature.

In reply, Admiral Yonai, the Premier, stated definitely that the Government had no intention whatever of interfering with the business of the Imperial Diet.

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THOSE "MISERABLE" GOLF CLUBS GREAT FEATS WITH BROKEN DOWN PUTTERS RECALLED

If past history can be relied upon, it would seem that expensive putters have not always inspired their wielders with confidence, writes L. B. Stanley in "The Field." Often the contrary has proved to be the case. Time and again, for instance, we find that an armory of the finest matched clubs includes a rusty old hickory putter, whose days of active service look as if they had ended with the guttie ball.

The presence of this ugly duckling is interesting. It shows how men who base their play upon the strictest scientific lines sometimes become almost superstitious in this most vital department of the game.

Here is an example. While spending an enjoyable afternoon in the Dollymount Club I noticed a small figure on the home green practising hard at putting. It proved to be Paddy Mahon who not so very long ago was listed with the second best average of the British professionals. This intensive activity, I was informed, was due to recent indifferent performances on the greens.

Mahon confirmed this later. He declared that his putting touch seemed temporarily to desert him, but he had at last found a cure; he had changed his putter. Upon handling the club in question my first impressions were that it might be used for almost anything except putting. The grip had gone and the shaft was hopelessly warped, yet Mahon used this club throughout a later championship and undeniably recaptured his cutting on the greens. Truly, faith is a wonderful thing.

BOUGHT FROM CADDY

A similar case occurred at Troon last year. I was talking to Charles Yates, the eventual winner of the championship, and observed that his putter looked somewhat the worse for wear. He agreed, and went on to say that it had belonged to a friend who had died three years before. He had left his clubs to his caddy, but Yates had bought the putter for one dollar and a quarter. An invaluable investment, so he declared, as though it had gained Walker Cup recognition. No idle claim, for

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Macao Interport Hockey Team

The Macao Hockey Club have selected the following to meet Hongkong in the Inter-port hockey match on Sunday, March 24:

C. C. Almada; R. Rosario and L. Costa (Capt.); J. Nolasco, Alex. Airosa and J. Santos Ferreira; Fred Nolasco, Alberto Airosa, Pedro Angelo, R. Angelo and A. Angelo.

Reserves.—A. Basto, M. Soares, G. Silva and J. T. Silva.

Seven-A-Side Rugger Tournament

Entries for the annual Rugby Football Seven-a-side Tournament are now coming in and it is anticipated that 20 teams will compete of whom about 10 will represent various Army Units.

The Royal Navy are not at their usual numerical strength this year, but will be able to enter at least two good sevens. Other teams will be drawn from Hongkong Police, who are the present holders of the Trophy, R.N.V.R., Civil Service, R.A.F., Hongkong Bank, Butterfield and Swire and Rest of the Club.

The tournament will be held as usual on the Club ground, at Happy Valley, the preliminary rounds being played on Monday and Wednesday, March 11 and 13, at 4.30 p.m. and the final on Saturday, March 18.

Proceeds this year will be devoted to the British War Organisation Fund, and it is hoped that there will be more than the usual strong support for the Tournament, on this account.

His Excellency the Governor is giving his support to the Tournament and will be present at the final, and when it came into contact with the ball emitted a disturbing cracked sound. Most golfers would have hesitated to have used it at all, yet

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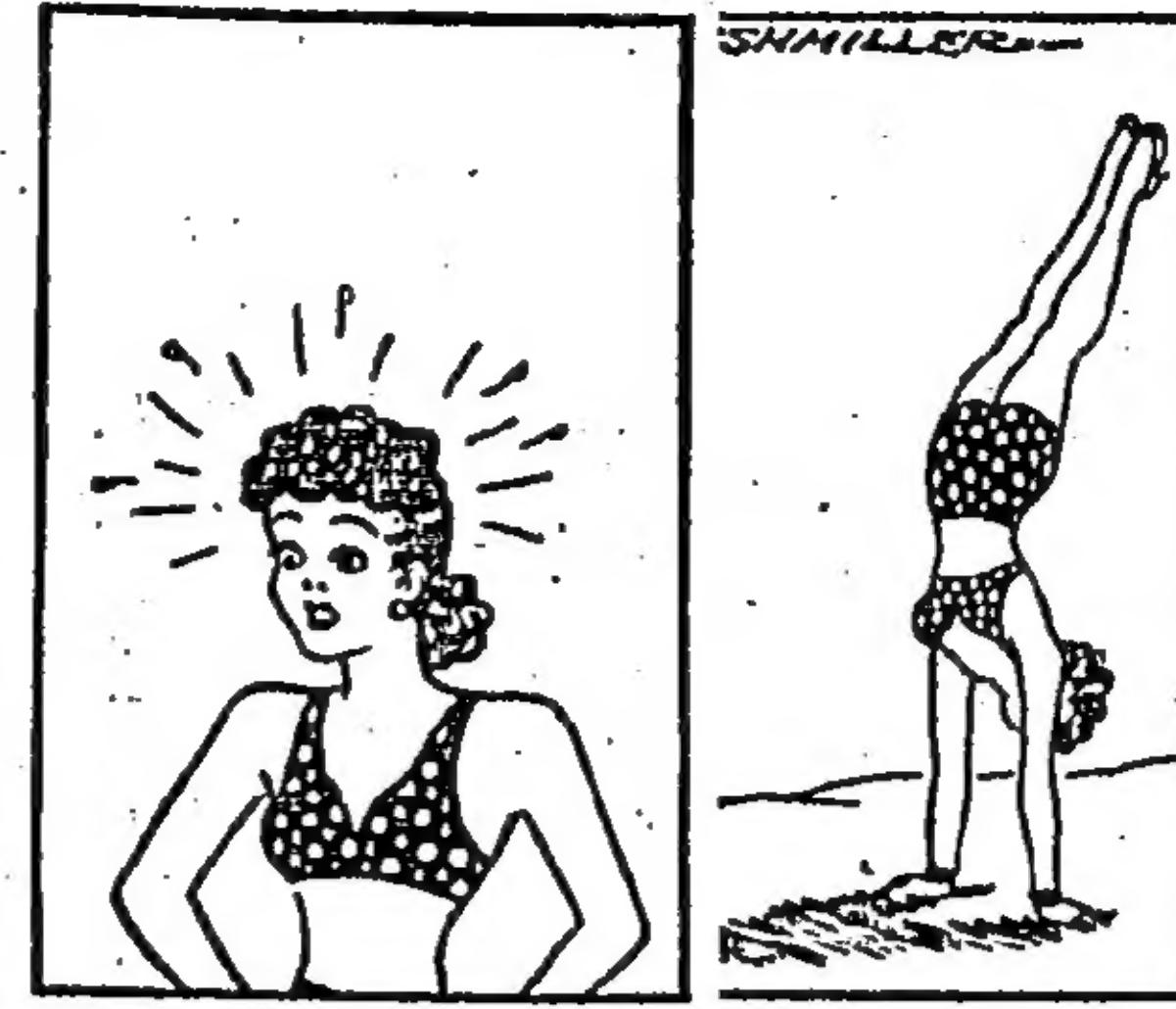
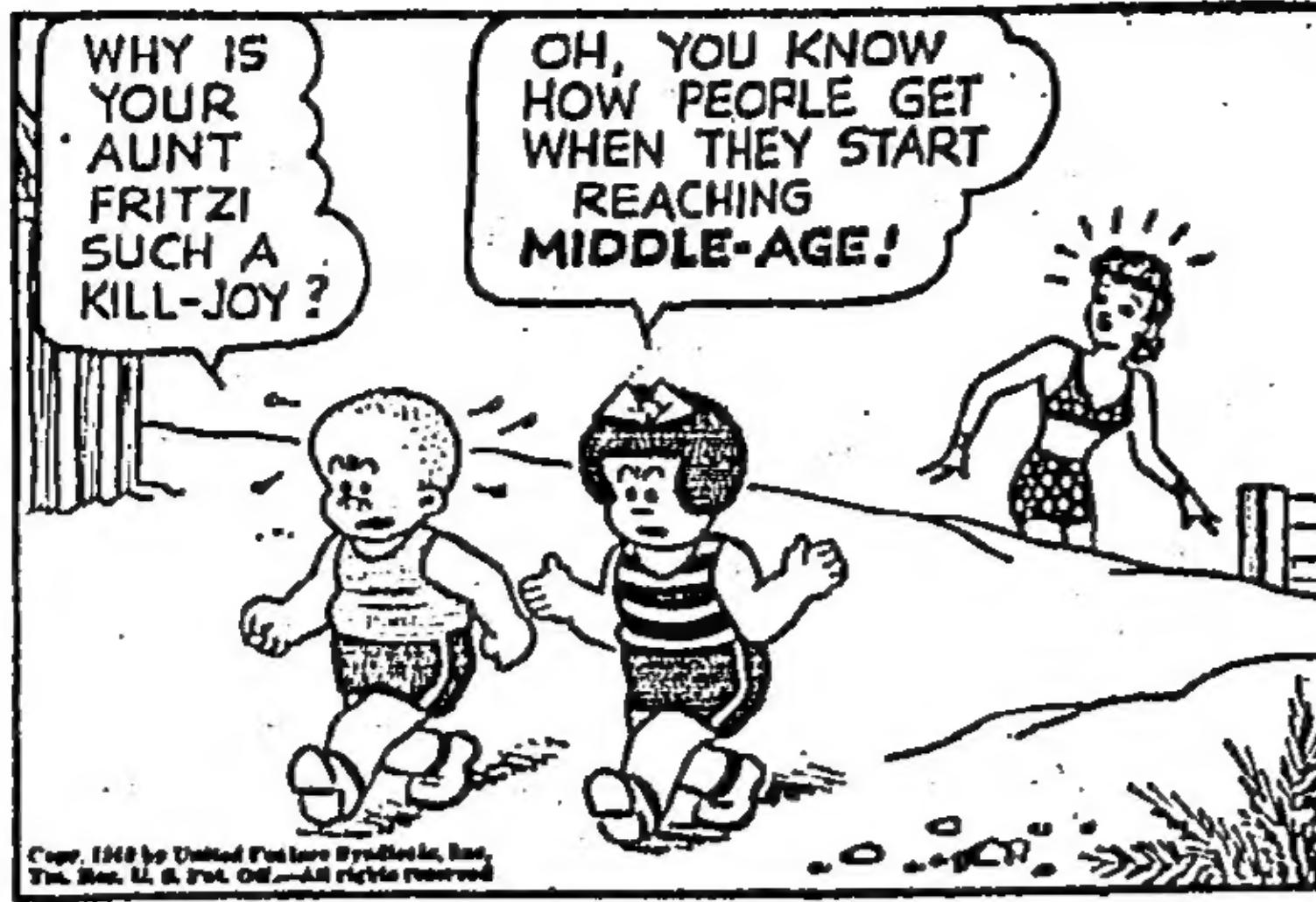
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NANCY

A Look Through
The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 28, 1890.
To let at the Peak. "Crescent" formerly occupied by Mr. T. Jackson. For one year from May 1, 1890. Apply to Arnold, Karberg & Co.

Just arrived for sale. The new stem winder and enamelled dial, Waterbury watch.

Series J—For gentlemen or large size. Series L—For ladies or small size. Wind in less than a dozen turns. Well-made, dust-proof, keyless with all the latest improvements. A perfect and unusual timepiece, reliable, durable and accurate. \$4.75 each.

Also Series E.—The "good old favorite." The best form of the original Waterbury. Offered at the reduced price of \$2.75 each.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 28, 1915.
America's famous inventor, Mr. Edison, has just given his impressions of the war to a New York correspondent. "The Germans," he said, "are a people completely, physically, agriculturally, but they have been brought up in an atmosphere of egotism. Everything in the country has been subordinated to the military caste, and I think the sooner this system is ended the better for the German people."

The King has instituted a new Decoration entitled "The Military Cross." It consists of a Cross of silver having on each arm the Imperial Crown and bearing in the centre the letters "M.C.". It is ordained that no person shall be eligible for this Decoration nor be nominated thereto unless he is a Captain, a Commissioned Officer of a lower grade, or a Warrant Officer in the Army, or the Indian or Colonial Military Forces.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 28, 1930.
To mark the 80th birthday of President Masaryk, which occurs on March 7, the Czech Parliament has voted him a personal gift of over £120,000. President Masaryk is the son of a coachman and started life as an employee of a Vienna locksmith. He is the first President of the Republic.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 28, 1935.
The U. S. Navy Department has disclosed that Pan-American Airways has asked for permission to use Midway and Wake Islands, in the Hawaiian group, and space in Guam, for experimental trans-Pacific flight bases.

Those "Miserable"
Golf Clubs

(Continued from Page 8.)

Allies contrived to wield it throughout that championship.

Another occasion was during the Open at Hoylake in 1936. Finding that his putter failed to comply with the necessary regulations, Gene Sarazen borrowed an old brass-headed club with which he gave a brilliant exhibition of consistent green work throughout the week.

"CALAMITY JANE"

The classic example, of course, was when Jimmy Mardon lent Dolby Jones' old rusty putter whilst playing over the Long Island course. Jones sank so many putts that Mardon presented it to him at the end of the round.

The club was later christened "Calamity Jane" and brought immortal fame to its owner. What a pity that the late Harry Vardon was unable to find such inspiration, for despite his wonderful record, he was, by his own confession, an indifferent putter.

PUTTING "JITTERS"

Diegel tried every possible cure for this trouble, popularly known as putting "jitters." As a last resort he consulted a neurologist, with a certain amount of success. He was told that he would have to eliminate his fingers as far as he could from the execution of the shot, as they are more liable to nervous tension than any other part of the body. This he managed to do to a certain extent by putting from the shoulders, which are the least affected by nervous troubles.

The result was that Diegel produced the weird putting stance which was soon called "Diegeling." This awkward-looking crouch solved many of his former fears, but, at the same time, he created a great deal of trouble for others through his new style. Some golfers are always experimenting, and many tried to adopt this stance which was totally unsuited to their style.

No Re-Export
To ReichHow Britain's War
Trade Pacts Operate

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—The aims of British war trade agreements were outlined by Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, in the House of Commons to-day in reply to a question by Miss Ward whether the Government, in any agreements concluded or under negotiations with neutral governments, had consented to the continuation of re-export to Germany by the neutral countries concerned.

Mr. Cross replied that war trade agreements generally aimed at securing guarantees against the re-export of contraband goods to Germany with machinery for their enforcement, thus facilitating the operation of our contraband control and at the same time enabling the neutral countries concerned to maintain their domestic economy.

Belligerent Rights

Mr. Cross emphasized that there was nothing in the agreements which prevented us from exercising our full belligerent rights in respect of any consignments in regard to which we had evidence of an enemy destination.

There had been no substantial difficulty in securing that the machinery in neutral countries for preventing the re-export to Germany of their overseas imports, especially foodstuffs and raw materials, should be operated in a manner satisfactory to us.

With regard to goods which these countries produced themselves, the countries concerned usually stipulated that such goods might be expected to both belligerents on a second-time level.

Cases where a neutral country had a manufacturing industry depending on imports of raw materials were most difficult to deal with, and our aim in the case of important commodities had been by agreement to prevent entirely, or restrict to trifling quantities, exports of such manufactures to Germany.

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By Ernie Bushmiller

DEBTORS

Finland's Appeal
To Sportsmen

To the Editor, Hongkong "Telegraph"

Sir,—In 1938 the International Olympic Committee entrusted Finland with organizing the XIIth Olympic Games in Helsinki, capital of the Finnish Republic. Finland and her sportsmen accepted this commission with gratitude and, thanks to the generous sacrifices of the entire nation, the preparations had progressed so far by the Autumn of 1939 that the successful realization of the Games seemed ensured. In a cheerful and confident spirit we looked forward to the arrival of the world's athletes and sportsmen as our guests.

When the European war broke out last autumn, Finland decided to continue her preparations for the Olympic Games. We thought that even in time of war it was important to keep alive the Olympic idea, an idea that would unite all the nations of the world in a spirit of peace and brotherhood. We felt that it was our duty to arrange the Games at the very time when their significance, as a symbol of goodwill among the nations, was greater than ever.

Shortly after having been entrusted with the Games we defined their aim to be: "Friends which would awaken, in all individuals and nations, a desire for mutual understanding and hold before the eyes of the world, infected with discord and suspicion, the ideal of peace."

But when less than a year remained before the Games, Bolshevik Russia attacked our peaceful people, thereby violating her Non-aggression Pact with Finland. She disclosed her intentions by making air raids on the unfortified Olympic City killing women and children with bombs and machine guns. Russia's aim is to destroy Finland's independence through blushing and fire.

The people of Finland have taken up arms as one man. They have abandoned their peacetime occupations and are now using all their power to defend their right to their native land. The nation fights for its very existence.

At this moment Finland is not sending out information about the Games. Nevertheless the Organising Committee of the XIIth Olympic Games has met in order to make this appeal to the athletes and sportsmen of the world. We beseech you, our fellow athletes and sportsmen in all parts of the world, to think of Finland at this moment—Finland, the country, which was entrusted with the XIIth Olympic Games, the country, which expected to greet the flower of the world's youth as her guests at this great festival of peace, the country which has been attacked without the slightest justification by a Great Power pursuing its Bolshevik policy.

And when you are thinking of Finland may you understand that, however encouraging the sympathy shown us by the world has been, it is not sufficient for a nation struggling against an enemy fifty times greater in size and power. It's up to you also, Athletes and Sportsmen of the world, to decide whether this appeal from the Organising Committee of the XIIth Olympic Games shall be a last message or not.

THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE XIIth OLYMPIC GAMES:
J. W. RANGEL, Chairman, Member of the International Olympic Committee.
Eduard Knöros, Vice Chairman, Member of the International Olympic Committee.
Unio Kräkronen, Vice Chairman, Chairman of the Flemish Olympic Committee.
Ernst von Frenckell, Vice Chairman, Olympic Commissioner of the City of Helsinki, Helsinki, December 1939.

URBAN COUNCIL
ELECTIONS

Sir,—I shall be obliged if you will kindly publish the enclosed circular letter which has been sent to every elector.

For the information of the public permit me to add that every one whose name is in the Jurors List, as well as those exempted from Jury Service, are entitled to vote.

R. A. DE CASTRO BASTO.

My present term of office on the Urban Council having expired an election is being held in respect of the Urban Council, February 28th at the Supreme Court, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. I have been proposed for re-election by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., and seconded by Major C. M. Manners, O.B.E., and I solicit your support by returning your vote, in my favour, on that date.

Throughout my service on the Urban Council, extending over the past nine years, I have endeavoured to the best of my ability to serve the interests of the whole Colony, irrespec-

To Protect
Seamen From
War DangersChamber Of Shipping's
Recommendations

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—Life-saving jackets which a crew could wear at work, and the provision of rafts for all on board were among the recommendations made by the British Chamber of Shipping to its members as safety measures to meet the danger of ships being torpedoed or mined.

This is revealed in the annual report of the Chamber of Shipping.

Other recommendations included the provision of illumination on rafts and on increased number of lifebuoys, alternative lighting on ships and electric torches for members of the crew.

Higher Running Costs

The report dealt with the increased running costs for shipping, pointing out that a deep sea tramp steamer of about 9,000 tons would, in April, 1939, have cost £35 per day to run, £48 per day in September, 1939, and £51 per day in January, 1940.

A vessel which would have cost £100,000 to build in 1938 cost £120,000 immediately before the war and would cost £160,000 to-day.

The report points out that there is not a single shipbuilding yard idle in this country. Foreign competition, so far from diminishing, was being greatly strengthened.

Under the first step towards maintaining British shipping, says the report, there must be a strengthening of the financial position of the industry during the war in order that it might be able to compete with foreign shipping after the war.

Five of any sectional or racial representation; we have consistently advocated the improvement of existing Hygienic and Sanitary conditions, and the development of health-mindedness in the Community. I have been responsible for raising money for the Leprosy Fund, and for the Public Health, and as far back as 1932 advocated measures in respect of Health Propaganda on the lines now being introduced.

In the event of re-election I shall renew my endeavours in pursuit of the objects to which I have devoted my considerable time during my present term of office, and I have every confidence in requesting your co-operation in these efforts by according your vote at the election.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support,

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,

B. A. de Castro Basto.

Sir,—In this morning's issue of the public press, I have read with much interest the propaganda issued by the nominators of Dr. Basto.

Without wishing to criticise the qualifications of either candidate, I would like to point out that degrees and diplomas—carrying the whole alphabet after one's name are no essential for the appointment of a member of the Urban Council.

Several members at present serving on the Urban Council have no degrees or similar qualifications whatever.

I think it is common knowledge that this vacant seat on the Council is intended for a representative of the local Portuguese community. From inquiries I have made, it appears that there are a large number of the members of the Portuguese community who are in favour of Dr. Rodrigues for the simple reason that they believe he will be as good a member as Dr. Basto and that they desire to see new blood being introduced as worthy representatives of the community in connexion with the civil affairs of this colony.

LUSITANIAN.

Answers To Correspondent.

LUSITANIAN: If the Club de Recreio desire publication of their circular they must send it to us themselves.—Ed.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG
JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 9th March, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 29th February, 1940.

By Order:

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Feb. 28/51.

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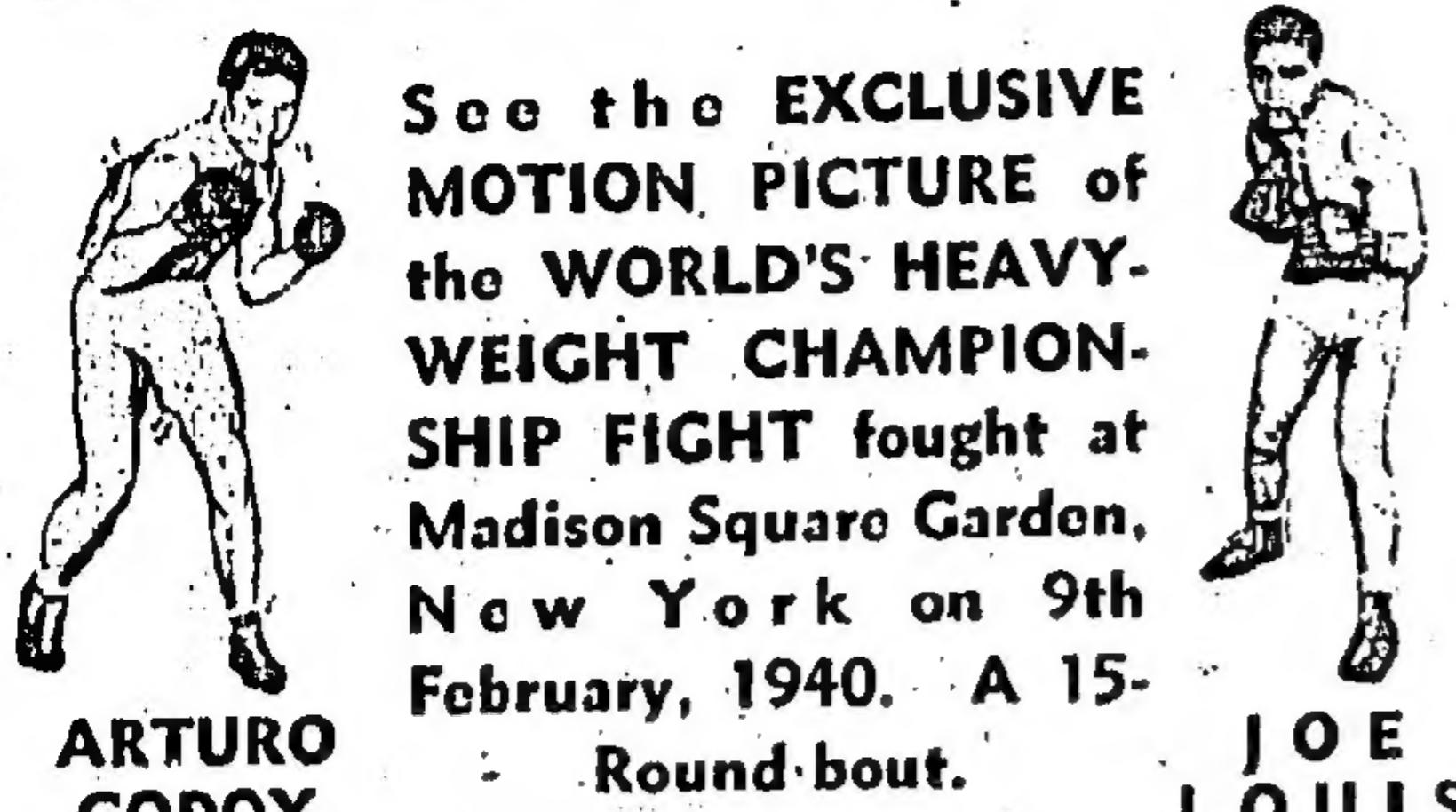
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B.E.F. dumps are all full

By O. D. GALLAGHER
Daily Express War Reporter

WITH THE B.E.F. IN FRANCE.

EVERY British gun in France could fire day and night for several months (or until the guns were worn out), and still they wouldn't exhaust our dumps of ammunition hidden in the safety spots of France.

Shell shortage? Not this time. I own, fire-fighting department, small think. All the bases in the original church, laboratory, and even its own newspaper (with illustrations).

The men with the most dangerous jobs work in the laboratory and repair shop. The first group examine shells and bombs periodically, much as a nurse takes a patient's temperature; the second group repairs any damage done to them in transport.

I've just finished a tour of the B.E.F. bases, and although I had a big car for the job I couldn't get round to all of them in the four days allotted me.

I saw millions of shells in camouflaged dumps. I can't give exact figures, but we've infinitely more shells ready for B.E.F. guns than were used by both sides throughout the Abyssinian and Spanish wars.

And bombs. It gives me a Blitzkrieg headache to think of them.

High explosive. Labour companies here are tough as lumber-jacks. Most of them come from the West Country. You should hear some of them talking French.

Since they've been on the job they have handled several tons of H.E. a day. The most difficult to handle are the bombs, because of their weight. There are no mechanical aids for this.

They are an awkward shape, too. And talking about big things, they've at last got the B.E.F.'s biggest soldier, into battle dress.

Weight twenty stone, girth fifty-four inches. Aged thirty-nine, he comes over in civvies, and worked in those clothes for some time until he was spotted by Sir John Dill. Explanation given him was that there was nothing to fit him at the Army stores.

Sir John was cross, and gave orders that "Tiny" should be fitted, pronto. So "Tiny" went to a French tailor, who measured him for a battle dress.

LATE NEWS

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vent Russian imports from reaching Germany.

This announcement is interpreted here as indicating that friction between Soviet Russia and Britain has increased.

"The scheme will impose an additional task on the British Navy in the north Pacific," said Mr. Cross, in making the announcement.

As far as tin, rubber and other raw materials are concerned, it would appear easier and cheaper for Britain to control exports to Russia at their source rather than by a full-fledged naval blockade.

However, it is considered likely that Mr. Cross who has been criticizing extensively regarding alleged gaps in the British blockade of Germany, may have made his statement from a desire to placate members of Parliament rather than because the British Government is on the verge of attempting to establish Contraband Control in two oceans.

H.K. As Contraband Control Base

It was recently suggested in London that Hongkong would become a British Contraband Control base if Britain decided to establish regular control in the Pacific.

Informed quarters have suggested that Britain will establish such Control in the Pacific the minute she feels it is justifiable and Hongkong is regarded as the most likely location.

Britain is thought to have been carefully watching the movements of cargoes en route to Germany via Vladivostok and the trans-Siberian railway.

Although Britain has no regular contraband control base anywhere in the Pacific, it is recalled that the Soviet steamer Selenga, which was en route from Manila to Vladivostok, was brought into Hongkong after having been intercepted near Formosa.

Governor's Suggestion

A recent "United Press" despatch from Manila stated that the Hongkong Governor had recently telegraphed the British Foreign Office, advising the establishment of branches of the Ministry of Economic Warfare in Hongkong, Shanghai and Singapore, for the purpose of controlling the export of war commodities to Russia.

Hongkong naval circles are also stated to have urged that strong representations be made to London for the establishment of a Contraband Control station in the British Colony, because of the increasing number of ships being chartered by Hongkong firms for trading with Vladivostok.

ASAMA MARU NAZIS RELEASED

NINE OF the twenty-one Germans who were removed from the N.Y.K. liner Asama Maru last month and who are now interned in Hongkong are to be returned to Japan tomorrow.

The nine men will be taken to Japan in a British vessel, and will be handed over to the Japanese authorities at a spot off Yokohama.

An official communiqué to this effect was issued by the naval authorities in Hongkong this morning. The communiqué stated:

"It is expected that on February 29 nine German nationals who were recently taken from the Asama Maru by a British warship will be returned to the Japanese authorities."

"They are to be brought from Hongkong in a British vessel and handed over off Yokohama to representatives of the Japanese Government."

It was announced in Tokyo yesterday that arrangements for the transfer of the nine Germans had been completed at a final conference between the British Ambassador and the Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.

RIGHT TO SINK ANYTHING, CLAIM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 28 (UPI)—The German Government has claimed the "theoretical right" to sink any neutral ships which obtain a navlcer certificate from a British Consul in any neutral port.

The right to sink such shipping is reserved, it is stated in authoritative circles, even if the vessel is en route from one neutral port to another without touching at a belligerent port.

Defining this attitude, a spokesman states that neutral vessels submit themselves to the Allied contraband control when they give British Consular officials details of their cargo, just as much as when they enter a British controlled port.

The German weaken their argument somewhat by declaring: "We will break the British blockade one way or another."

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